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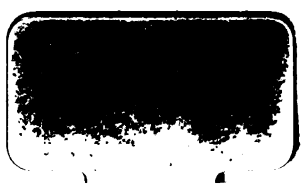

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OF

FAMILY PRAYERS

FOR

EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK;

WITH SPECIAL FORMS FOR

The Principal Fasts and Festivals:

FROM AUTHORISED SOURCES.

IN WHICH IS INCLUDED

The greater part of the Psalter,

AND PRACTICAL PORTIONS OF

Holy Scripture,

DIVIDED INTO SHORT SECTIONS FOR DAILY READING.

WITH

AN APPENDIX.

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PREFACE.

THE present manual of family devotions has been drawn up in order to assist in supplying wants now strongly felt amongst a very numerous class, by providing:

First.—Forms of prayer, which, without interfering, but in a few instances, with the Daily Service of our own Liturgy, should yet possess the approval of authority for their recommendation and support. Objections have been made of late, by most thinking persons, that Family Prayers, selected entirely from our own authoritative formularies, furnish but a bad substitute for the Daily Service, which ought itself to be more exclusively reserved for the public worship of the sanctuary.

Secondly.—An uniform character and even sameness, not only in the general framework of the prayers from day to day, but also in the prayers themselves, except where changes are needed to suit particular days and seasons; that thus, at a reverent distance and after the example of the Church, we may imitate in spirit the unvarying worship of the blessed seraphim, who, we know, are ever engaged in one ceaseless song, continually crying, "Holy, holy," before the throne of God.

Thirdly.—Special forms of prayer for the principal Fasts and

Festivals; it being, surely, most important that people's attention should be directed more frequently and pointedly than is customary to the real meaning and right observance of those great occasions. This arrangement, together with others for the sake of marking particular week-days, will, it is hoped, sufficiently secure that variety of expression in the prayers, which is so pleasing to many minds, without at the same time detracting from the before-mentioned more important consideration.

Fourthly.—Opportunity for all the members of the household to join in united worship with their head, so as to make the petitions which he offers equally their own. In order to attain this advantage, the Litany form for confessions, petitions, and intercessions, has been generally adopted throughout the series; and in which the regularly recurring answers, such as, "Lord, have mercy on us," "Deliver us, O Lord," they can as easily repeat with him, as the usual response of "Amen," after the blessing or Lord's Prayer.

Fifthly, and lastly.—A sufficient number of Psalms and select passages from the practical parts of Scripture, ready at hand for every-day reading, so that something approaching to a complete service may be available for the use of those families who, from various causes, are precluded from attending the daily prayers at church. In some families it is usual to read a Psalm or chapter of the Bible, or both, either before or in the course of the prayers. But it frequently happens, especially in readings from the Bible, that whole chapters of great length are read through, merely because they are so divided, without any regard to the subjects treated of in them. Thus are people's minds fatigued and distracted by the variety of totally different, and often awfully sacred, subjects, which are

all at once thrust upon their attention. Both the Psalms and selections from Holy Scripture, in the present work, have, to obviate this evil, been classed as briefly as could be, under separate heads; and a certain regular order of subject has been observed, which, it is hoped, may prove useful for the sake of reference, and, perhaps, also in other ways besides. The Psalms, as well as the Scripture selections, have in all cases been given at length, and not in the form of mere references, from a conviction, that if the latter plan had been adopted, they would seldom have been read at all.

It may perhaps be objected, that the Psalms and Lessons, together with the Prayers following, make too long a service. But it will be found on trial that the time occupied by the whole will generally not exceed five or six, if, occasionally, ten, minutes. Should, however, some heads of families, from any unavoidable cause, be compelled to omit the first part of the service, the Prayers alone may be read, commencing with the Confession and Litany, and which will then engage them for so small a portion of the day as they cannot possibly think of grudging in this their bounden morning and evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God.

The Compiler is well aware how inadequately he has performed the task which he has presumed to undertake; and it is only because he has not yet met with any previous publication in which the designs above stated, and which appear to him important, have been wholly carried out, that he has been induced to make the attempt himself, which he would gladly have left to be executed by abler hands. When, however, he considers the sources from which the *Family Prayers*, now submitted to the public, have been drawn, he is not altogether without hope, that they may help to throw some additional

reality and warmth into the services of domestic religion, and to deepen that spirit of reverence which should ever be uppermost in the mind in all our approaches to the throne of grace.

And here it may be proper to add, that while in the selections which compose the following series of Prayers, the Compiler has been careful to exclude every thing which might justly give offence to seriously disposed yet over-sensitive persons, he has, at the same time, not scrupled to draw from whatever sources were best available for his purpose, so long only as those sources themselves were in the main authorised and catholic; an essential point in securing devotions for God's service at once chastened and fervent, but which commonly degenerate into cold stiffness or irreverent familiarity when derived from the unauthorised productions of a mere individual mind.

Rules

TO KNOW WHEN THE MOVEABLE FEASTS AND HOLY DAYS BEGIN.

EASTER-DAY (on which the rest depend) is always the First *Sunday* after the Full Moon which happens upon, or next after the Twenty-first day of *March;* and if the Full Moon happens upon a *Sunday*, *Easter-day* is the *Sunday* after.

Advent-Sunday is always the nearest *Sunday* to the Feast of Saint *Andrew*, whether before or after.

Septuagesima *Sexagesima* *Quinquagesima* *Quodragesima*	*Sunday* is	Nine Eight Seven Six	Weeks before *Easter*.
Rogation-Sunday *Ascension-Day* *Whit-Sunday* *Trinity-Sunday*	is	Five Weeks Forty Days Seven Weeks Eight Weeks	after *Easter*.

A Table of Feasts

RESERVED IN THE CALENDAR OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

Feasts in January.

1 Circumcision of our Lord.
6 Epiphany of our Lord.
8 Lucian, Priest and Martyr.
13 Hilary, Bishop.
18 Prisca, Virgin and Martyr.
20 Fabian, Bishop.
21 Agnes, Virgin and Martyr.
22 Vincent, Martyr.
25 Conv. of St. Paul.

Feasts in February.

2 Purif. of the B. V. Mary.
3 Blasius, Bishop.
5 Agatha, Virgin and Martyr.
14 Valentine, Bishop.
24 St. Matthias, Apostle.

Feasts in March.

1 David, Archbishop.
2 Chad, Bishop.
7 Perpetua, Virgin and Martyr.
12 Gregory the Great, Bp. and Confessor.
18 Edward, King of West Saxons.
21 Benedict, Abbot.
25 Annunciation of the B. V. Mary.

Feasts in April.

3 Richard, Bishop.
4 Ambrose, Bishop.
19 Alphege, Archbishop.
23 St. George, Martyr.
25 St. Mark, Evangelist.

Feasts in May.

1 St. Philip and James, Apostles.
3 Invention of the Cross.
6 St. John, Evan. Ante Port. Latin.
19 Dunstan, Archbp.
26 Augustine, Archbp. of Canterbury.
27 Venerable Bede, Presbyter.

Feasts in June.

1 Nicomede, Priest and Martyr.
5 Boniface, Bishop and Martyr.
11 St. Barnabas, Apostle.
17 St. Alban, Martyr.
20 Translation of Edward, King of West Saxons.
24 St. John the Baptist's Nativity.
26 St. Peter, Apostle.

Feasts in July.

2 Visitation of the B. V. Mary.
4 Translation of St. Martin, Bishop.
15 Swithun, Bishop.
20 Margaret, Virgin and Martyr.
22 St. Mary Magdalene.
25 St. James, Apostle
26 St. Anne, Mother of B. V. Mary.

Feasts in August.

1 Lammas-day.
6 Transfiguration of our Lord.
7 Name of Jesus.
10 St. Lawrence, Martyr.
24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle.
28 St. Augustin, Bishop of Hippo.
29 St. John the Baptist beheaded.

Feasts in September.

1 St. Giles, Abbot.
7 Enurchus, Bishop.
8 Nativity of the B. V. Mary.
14 Holy Cross-day.
17 Lambert, Bishop.
21 St Matthew, Apostle.
26 St. Cyprian, Archbishop.
29 St. Michael and All Angels.
30 St. Jerome, Priest, Confessor, & Doctor.

Feasts in October.

1 Remigius, Bishop.
6 St. Faith, Virgin and Martyr.
9 St. Denys, Bishop and Martyr.
13 Translation of K. Edward the Confessor.
17 Ethelreda, Virgin.
18 St. Luke, Evangelist.
25 Crispin, Martyr.
28 St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles.

Feasts in November.

1 All Saints'-day.
6 Leonard, Confessor.
11 St. Martin, Bishop and Confessor.
13 Britius, Bishop.
15 Machutus, Bishop.
17 Hugh, Bishop.
20 Edmund, King and Martyr.
22 Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr.
23 St. Clement, Bishop and Martyr.
25 Catharine, Virgin and Martyr.
30 St. Andrew Apostle.

Feasts in December.

6 Nicholas, Bishop.
8 Conception of the B. V. Mary.
13 Lucy, Virgin and Martyr.
16 O Sapientia.
21 St. Thomas Apostle
25 Christmas-day.
26 St. Stephen, Martyr.
27 St. John, Evangelist.
28 Holy Innocents'-day.
31 Silvester, Bishop.

All Sundays in the Year.
Monday and Tuesday in Easter-Week.
Ascension-day.
Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun-Week.

A TABLE OF THE VIGILS, FASTS, AND DAYS OF ABSTINENCE TO BE OBSERVED IN THE YEAR.

The Evens or Vigils before	The Nativity of our Lord. The Purification of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*. The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin. Easter-day. Ascension-day. Pentecost. Saint *Matthias*. Saint *John Baptist*. Saint *Peter*. Saint *James*. Saint *Bartholomew*. Saint *Matthew*. Saint *Simon* and Saint *Jude*. Saint *Andrew*. Saint *Thomas*. All Saints.

Note, *That if any of these Feast-days fall upon a* Monday, *then the Vigil or Fast-day shall be kept upon the* Saturday, *and not upon the* Sunday *next before it.*

DAYS OF FASTING OR ABSTINENCE.

I. The Forty Days of Lent.

II. The Ember-days at the Four Seasons, being the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after	The First Sunday in Lent. The Feast of Pentecost. *September* 14. *December* 13.

III. The Three Rogation-days, being the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, before Holy Thursday, or the Ascension of our Lord.

IV. All the Fridays in the Year, except *Christmas-day*.

EXTERNAL acts of piety and devotion, and the frequent returns of them, are necessary to keep up a sense of religion, which the affairs of the world will otherwise wear out of men's hearts. And the frequent returns, whether of public devotions or of any thing else to introduce religion into men's serious thoughts, will have an influence upon them in proportion as they are susceptible of religion, and not given over to a reprobate mind. For this reason, besides others, the service of the Church ought to be celebrated as often as you can have a congregation to attend it. But since the body of the people, especially in country places, cannot be brought to attend it oftener than one day in a week, and since this is in no sort enough to keep up in them a due sense of religion, it were greatly to be wished they could be persuaded to any thing which might, in some measure, supply the want of more frequent public devotions, or serve the like purposes. Family prayers, regularly kept up in every house, would have a great and good effect.

BISHOP BUTLER'S *Charge to his Clergy in* 1751.

Family Prayers

FOR

SUNDAYS AND WEEK-DAYS.

'To begin and end the day with God will be the likeliest way to make servants faithful, children dutiful, wives obedient, and husbands sober, loving, and careful: every one acting as in the sight of God."

Bishop Wilson's *Paroch.*

Family Prayers.

SUNDAY MORNING.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

℣. O God, make speed to save us.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then he says one of the following Psalms:

Psalm 26.

BE Thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently : my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me : try out my reins and my heart.

For Thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes : and I will walk in Thy truth.

I have not dwelt with vain persons : neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.

I have hated the congregation of the wicked : and will not sit among the ungodly.

I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord : and so will I go to Thine altar;

That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving : and tell of all Thy wondrous works.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house : and the place where Thine honour dwelleth.

O shut not up my soul with the sinners : nor my life with the blood-thirsty;

In whose hands is wickedness : and their right hand is full of gifts.

But as for me, I will walk innocently : O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.

My foot standeth right : I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

Psalm 43.

GIVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people : O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

For Thou art the God of my strength, why hast Thou put me from Thee : and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me : and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling.

And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness : and upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O God, my God.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God : for I will yet give Him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 96.

O SING unto the Lord a new song : sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise His name : be telling of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His honour unto the heathen : and His wonders unto all the people.

For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised : He is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols : but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before Him : power and honour are in His sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people : ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto His name : bring presents, and come into His courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness : let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King : and that it is He who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that He shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad : let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it : then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth : and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with His truth.

Psalm 122.

I WAS glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgment : even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

Psalm which may be said instead of the foregoing, when there is Holy Communion.

Psalm 23.

THE Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pas-

ture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But Thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or*, Holy Gospel, *if such alone happens to form the short chapter read*) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads one of the short chapters following, giving out from whence the Lesson is taken, according to the selection which forms the Lesson read.

First Week.

Public worship enjoined.

The Lesson is taken from the 2d Book of Chronicles, and from St. Paul's Epistles to the Hebrews and Ephesians.

[1] AND it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place. . . . . Also the Levites which were the singers; being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets. It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord . . . . saying, For He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord. So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for

[1] 2 *Chron.* v. 11.

the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.

[1] Wherefore, brethren, be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[2] And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.

Second Week.

The Angels worship in heaven.

From the Revelations of St. John the Divine.

[3] AND after these things, I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: for true and righteous are His judgments. . . . And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And He saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage-supper of the Lamb. And He saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Third Week.

Decency and reverence in Divine worship.

From the Book of Ecclesiastes, and from St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians.

[4] KEEP thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

[5] How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. . . . . For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. . . . . Let all things be done decently and in order.

Fourth Week.

We must bring an honest and clean heart with us to the Sanctuary, if we would have our petitions, there offered, acceptable to God.

From the Books of the Prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah, and from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[6] HEAR the word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in at the Lord's house to worship the Lord.

[1] *Ephes.* v. 17.
[2] *Heb.* x. 24.
[3] *Rev.* xix. 1.
[4] *Eccles.* v. 1.
[5] 1 *Cor.* xiv. 26, 33, 40.
[6] *Jerem.* vii. 2.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, are these. For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour; if ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever. Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, ... and walk after other gods whom ye know not; and come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? Is this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the Lord.

[1] And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Fifth Week.

Same subject continued.

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, and from the First General Epistle of St. Peter.

[2] THUS saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it. . . . . Them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon Mine altar; for Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

[3] Brethren, he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

Sixth Week.

Christ sanctions the performance of beneficent works on the Jewish Sabbath.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[4] AND Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And He laid His hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath-day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the Sabbath-day. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou

[1] *St. Matt.* xxi. 12. [2] *Isai.* lvi. 1, 7. [3] 1 *St. Pet.* iii. 10.
[4] *St. Luke* xiii. 10.

hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath-day? And when He had said these things, all His adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Seventh Week.

Same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[1] AND when Jesus was departed thence, He went into their synagogue: and, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And the Pharisees asked Him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath-days? that they might accuse Him. And He said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath-day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath-days. Then saith He to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

Eighth Week.

The keen and piercing power of God's Word in discriminating between the true and false Christian.

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews.

[2] BRETHREN, the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

Short chapters, which may be read instead of the foregoing when there is Holy Communion.

From the Book of Proverbs, and from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

[3] WISDOM hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: she hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table. She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city, Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

[4] Jesus saith, I am the living bread, which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. . . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him.

Same subject continued.

From the Book of the Prophet

[1] *St. Matt.* xii. 9. [2] *Heb.* iv. 12. [3] *Prov.* ix. 1. [4] *St. John* vi. 51.

Isaiah, and from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

[1]HO, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

[2]Jesus said unto the Jews, Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for Him hath God the Father sealed. . . . . Again Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst. . . . Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

Then he says,

℣. Let our mouth be filled with Thy praise.

℟. That we may tell of Thy glory and honour all the day long.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us after Thy great goodness.

℟. And according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away our offences.

Then all kneeling, say the Confession and Litany following:

O BLESSED Trinity, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we here assembled, prostrate in spirit before Thee, do confess, in the sight of the whole court of heaven, our innumerable offences committed against Thy Divine Majesty. We have sinned, Lord, we have sinned; we have grievously offended Thee through the whole course of our lives, by thought, word, and deed; and therefore are most unworthy to lift up our eyes to heaven, or so much as to name Thy sacred name: how much more unworthy are we to appear before Thee in Thy sanctuary, and assist in Thy holy service! But, O God eternal, Creator of all things, Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who hast made us in Thine own image, redeemed us by Thy only Son, adopted us Thy children, and shewest mercy to those who humbly and sincerely seek it; be merciful to us, O Lord, and give us a true contrition for all the sins we have

[1] *Isai.* lv. 1. [2] *St. John* vi. 27.

committed against Thee, that, being turned from all our evil ways, we may by a sincere repentance obtain Thy peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From all evil, from all sin, from the spirit of unbelief, from all abuse of this sacred day, and of those places which are sacred to Thee; from whatever is an offence to Thee, or a scandal to the weak,

O Lord, deliver us.

From contempt of Thy worship, and all kinds of irreverence in Thy holy presence; from sloth, coldness, and levity in time of prayer; from the neglect of prayer and of Thy sacred word,

O Lord, deliver us.

O Lord, we beseech Thee to hear us, and grant us Thy assistance, that we may sanctify this holy and happy day according to Thy commandments. Grant that, while we serve Thee with outward decency, we may be likewise careful to adore Thee in spirit and in truth; that we may unite with the blessed above, in praising, adoring, and praying to Thee, and prepare our souls to celebrate with them an eternal Sabbath;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that we may this day labour to rise to a new life, examining the state of our souls, and resolving to amend whatever is displeasing to Thee;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee; denying our wills, ruling our tongues, softening our tempers, mortifying our lusts; and learn patience, meekness, purity, forgiveness of injuries, and continuance in well-doing;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that we may not give this day to earth which is consecrated to heaven; but employ it in such exercises as may raise our hearts above earthly things, and unite them to Thee by love, who art our only sovereign and everlasting good.

O Lord, graciously vouchsafe to hear us, and grant us these our petitions.

O Son of God, Redeemer of mankind, spare us, we beseech Thee, and have mercy upon us.

Then all say,

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Here may be said the particular Collect for any Saint's Day which may fall on a Sunday (see *Saints'-Day Morning Prayers*); *or for the Sundays during the season of Advent* (see *Week-Day Morning Prayers*).

Then, if there is Holy Communion, he says,

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that those of us to whom Thou mayest vouchsafe this day the communion of Thy Son's Body and Blood, may receive those most awful mysteries with that respect and reverence, that contrition and fear, that faith and purity, that purpose and humility, which is expedient for the health of our souls. O Lord and Father, give us poor sinners not only to receive the sacrament, but the virtue of the sacrament. Grant us so to receive the Body and Blood of Thy only-begotten Son, that we may be incorporated into His mystical body, and be accounted members of the same; that so our darkness being enlightened, and our infirmities healed, we may be cleansed from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he says the following Thanksgiving Prayer:

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who at the beginning of the world didst bless and sanctify the Sabbath-day, in memory of Thy finishing the glorious work of the creation, and who in the new law didst teach the apostles to transfer the duty of it to the Lord's day, in honour of Thy finishing the more glorious work of the redemption and sanctification thereon, by the resurrection of Thy divine Son, and the descent of the Holy Ghost—behold, we Thy servants are here on this day assembled to bless and praise Thee for these incomprehensible blessings, and for every other favour Thou hast bestowed upon us, especially for the protection Thou hast afforded us during the week past. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may sanctify this day, by devoting it entirely to Thy love and ser-

vice; and that whatever portion of time Thou hast decreed for each of us to live may be dedicated to the glory of Thy name, and employed in faithfully serving Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Then he says the two Collects following, and Prayer for a blessing.

WE pray Thee, O Lord, graciously continue to visit this house and family; drive far from it all snares of the enemy; and keep us in peace and safety through this day, for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSIST, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions, by Thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by Thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from Thee, and by Thee may happily be ended, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and remain with us for ever. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says,

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.

℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.

℣. O God, make speed to save us.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then he says one of the following Psalms.

Psalm 27.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear: the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh: they stumbled and fell.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid: and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit His temple.

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His tabernacle: yea, in the secret place of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head: above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in His dwelling an oblation with great gladness: I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto Thee: have mercy upon me, and hear me.

My heart hath talked of Thee, Seek ye my face: Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

O hide not Thou Thy face from me: nor cast Thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succour: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me: the Lord taketh me up.

Teach me Thy way, O Lord: and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries: for there

false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

I should utterly have fainted : but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

O tarry thou the Lord's leisure : be strong, and He shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Psalm 84.

O HOW amiable are Thy dwellings : Thou Lord of hosts !

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house : they will be alway praising Thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee : in whose heart are Thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the face of Thine Anointed.

For one day in Thy courts : is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall He withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in Thee.

Psalm 92.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord : and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most Highest.

To tell of Thy loving-kindness early in the morning : and of Thy truth in the night-season ;

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute : upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy works : and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of Thy hands.

O Lord, how glorious are Thy works ! Thy thoughts are very deep.

An unwise man doth not well consider this : and a fool doth not understand it.

When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish : then shall they be destroyed for ever; but Thou, Lord, art the Most Highest for evermore.

For lo, Thine enemies, O Lord, lo, Thine enemies shall perish : and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.

But mine horn shall be exalted like the horn of an unicorn : for I am anointed with fresh oil.

Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies : and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that arise up against me.

The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree : and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

Such as are planted in the house of the Lord : shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.

They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age : and shall be fat and well-liking.

That they may shew how true the Lord my strength is : and that there is no unrighteousness in Him.

PSALM 28.

UNTO Thee will I cry, O Lord my strength : think no scorn of me; lest, if Thou make as though Thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my humble petitions, when I cry unto Thee: when I hold up my hands towards the mercy-seat of Thy holy temple.

O pluck me not away, neither destroy me with the ungodly and wicked doers : which speak friendly to their neighbours, but imagine mischief in their hearts.

Reward them according to their deeds : and according to the wickedness of their own inventions.

Recompense them after the work of their hands : pay them that they have deserved.

For they regard not in their mind the works of the Lord, nor the operation of His hands : therefore shall He break them down, and not build them up.

Praised be the Lord : for He hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.

The Lord is my strength, and my shield; my heart hath trusted in Him, and I am helped : therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise Him.

The Lord is my strength : and He is the wholesome defence of His Anointed.

O save Thy people, and give Thy blessing unto Thine inheritance : feed them, and set them up for ever.

Psalm which may be said instead of the foregoing, when there has been Holy Communion.

Part of PSALM 22, beginning at v. 23.

O PRAISE the Lord, ye that fear Him : magnify Him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear Him, all ye seed of Israel;

For He hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor: He hath not hid His face from him, but when he called unto Him He heard him.

My praise is of Thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear Him.

The poor shall eat, and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise Him; your heart shall live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's : and He is the Governor among the people.

All such as be fat upon earth : have eaten and worshipped.

All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before Him : and no man hath quickened his own soul.

My seed shall serve Him : they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

They shall come, and the heavens shall declare His righteousness : unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He

descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads one of the short chapters following.

First Week.

Special blessings promised to prayers rightly offered in the Sanctuary.

The Lesson is taken from the Book of Numbers, from the 2d Book of Chronicles, and from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[1] AND the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put My name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them.

[2] If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now Mine eyes shall be open, and Mine ears attent unto the prayer which is made in *My sanctuary*. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there for ever: and Mine eyes and My heart shall be there perpetually.

[3] Jesus saith to His disciples, Verily I say unto you, Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.

Second Week.

The glory of the Gentile Church.

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

[4] BEHOLD, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. . . . Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her. . . . For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. . . . . For it shall come that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory: and I will set a

[1] *Numb.* vi. 22. [2] 2 *Chron.* vii. 14. [3] *St. Matt.* xviii. 20.
[4] *Isai.* lxv. 17; lxvi. 1.

sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations . . . . that have not heard My fame, neither have seen My glory: and they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations . . . . to My holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord. And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the Lord. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the Lord.

Third Week.

The glory of the visible temple on earth.

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

[1] I WILL glorify the house of My glory. . . . And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in My wrath I smote thee, but in My favour have I had mercy on thee. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir-tree, the pine-tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious. . . . For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

Fourth Week.

The glory of the city and temple in heaven.

From the Revelations of St. John the Divine.

[2] AND I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. . . . And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son. . . . . And there came unto me one of the seven angels. . . . And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven . . . . having the glory of

[1] *Isai.* lx. 7.

[2] *Rev.* xxi. 2.

God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper-stone, clear as crystal; and had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. . . . And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles. . . . . And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. . . . . And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. . . . . And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Fifth Week.

The preaching of the Gospel, through Christ's ordained ministers, predicted and commanded.

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, and from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[1] THE Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach the Gospel unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But ye shall be named the priests of the Lord: men shall call you the ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

[2] And Jesus came and spake unto His eleven disciples, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Sixth Week.

Same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospels according to St. Matthew and St. John, and from the Revelations of St. John.

[3] AT that time Jesus said to His disciples, This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all

[1] *Isai.* lxi. 1. [2] *St. Matt.* xxviii. 18. [3] *St. Matt.* xxiv. 14.

nations; and then shall the end come.

[1] At another time Jesus said to His apostles, Peace be unto you: as My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

[2] And I John saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Seventh Week.

Exhortation to persevere in all virtue, and to cultivate a love for spiritual wisdom.

From St. Paul's Epistles to the Philippians and Colossians.

[3] OUR conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself. Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

[4] Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

Eighth Week.

Christ appears twice to His disciples on the first day of the week.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

[5] THEN the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when He had so said, He shewed unto them His hands and His side. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. . . . . But

[1] *St. John* xx. 21.
[2] *Rev.* xiv. 6.
[3] *Phil.* iii. 20.
[4] *Colos.* iii. 12.
[5] *St. John* xx. 19.

Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe. And after eight days again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

Short chapters which may be read instead of the foregoing, when there has been Holy Communion.

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, and from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

[1] THE Lord hath sworn by His right hand, and by the arm of His strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine for the which thou hast laboured: but they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the Lord; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of My holiness.

[2] And the disciples continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul. . . . . And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people.

Same subject continued.

From the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, and from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[3] HEAR the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, saith the Lord.

[4] At that time Jesus said, Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

[1] *Isai.* lxii. 8. [2] *Acts* ii. 42. [3] *Jerem.* xxxi. 10.
[4] *St. Matt.* xi. 28.

Then he says,

℣. Thanks be to God for His mercy.

℟. Blessing, thanksgiving, and honour, be unto God for ever and ever. Amen.

℣. But may the Lord continue to bless us.

℟. And keep us this night without sin.

Then all kneeling, say the Confession and Litany following:

O BLESSED Trinity, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we here assembled, prostrate in spirit before Thee, do confess in the sight of the whole court of heaven our innumerable offences committed against Thy divine majesty. We have sinned, Lord, we have sinned; we have grievously offended Thee, through the whole course of our lives, in thought, word, and deed, and therefore are most unworthy to lift up our eyes to heaven, or so much as to name Thy sacred name. But, O God, eternal Creator of all things, Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who hast made us in Thine own image, redeemed us by Thy only Son, adopted us Thy children, and shewest mercy to those who humbly and sincerely seek it, be merciful to us, O Lord, and give us a true contrition for all the sins we have committed against Thee, that, being turned from all our evil ways, we may, by a sincere repentance, obtain Thy peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord, and grant that as we have heard this day in Thy house of prayer what our duty is, we may, by Thy grace and help, be enabled to accomplish it;

That we may not be conformed to this world; but that, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we may live soberly, justly, and piously;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That we may crucify the flesh with its vices and lusts, and be ever clean of heart;

That being dead to sin, we may live unto righteousness, and arising with Thee, our Redeemer, may die no more;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to have mercy on our relations, friends, and benefactors, to open their eyes to see the beauty of Thy truth, and give them grace to embrace it;

That it may please Thee mercifully to look down from heaven on all those who suffer, and so to strengthen them in

their affliction, that they may be led thereby to a more perfect love of Thee, and a stricter obedience to Thy commandments;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And that Thou wouldst give to us and to all people the spirit of the Gospel, and inspire us all with a zeal for peace, unity, and truth.

O Lord, graciously hear these our prayers;

O Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us, and have mercy upon us.

Then all say,

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Here may be said the particular Collect for any Saint's Day which may fall on a Sunday (see *Saints'-Day Morning Prayers*), *or for the Sundays during the season of Advent* (see *Week-Day Evening Prayers*).

Then, if there has been Holy Communion, he says,

POUR into our hearts, O Lord, the spirit of Thy love, that we, whom Thou hast fed with Thy most sacred Body and Blood, may by Thy goodness live in perfect concord, and being strengthened against all the snares of the world, the flesh, and the devil, may avoid every vice, and practise with diligence all the virtues proper for our state, so as to serve Thee more faithfully every day. Amen.

Then he says the following Thanksgiving Prayer:

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast appointed us six days in which we may labour and do all our work, and hast consecrated the seventh to Thyself, mercifully forgive the sins, the coldness, and neglect in worshipping Thee of which we have been guilty, and give us grace to avoid them for the future. Make us sensible, O Lord, of the daily blessings we receive from Thy bounty, especially the blessing of this happy day; that as we know Thee by faith, we may love Thee by charity; and fixing all our hopes on the happiness of a future

life, we may patiently suffer in submission to Thy holy will what Thou now permittest, and come at length to the joys of Thy heavenly kingdom; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects following, and Prayer for a blessing.

WE pray Thee, O Lord, graciously continue to visit this habitation; drive far from it all snares of the enemy; and give us a quiet night and a perfect end; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSIST, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by Thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from Thee, and by Thee may happily be ended; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY the almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. Amen.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY MORNINGS.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

℣. O God, make speed to save us.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then he says one of the following Psalms:

Psalms of praise and thanksgiving for God's greatness and power.

PSALM 99.

THE Lord is King, be the people never so impatient : He sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.

The Lord is great in Sion : and high above all people.

They shall give thanks unto Thy name : which is great, wonderful, and holy.

The King's power loveth judgment; Thou hast prepared equity : Thou hast executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

O magnify the Lord our God : and fall down before His footstool, for He is holy.

Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among such as call upon His name : these called upon the Lord, and He heard them.

He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar : for they kept His testimonies, and the law that He gave them.

Thou heardest them, O Lord our God : Thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.

O magnify the Lord our God, and worship Him upon His holy hill : for the Lord our God is holy.

PSALM 135.

O PRAISE the Lord, laud ye the name of the Lord : praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;

Ye that stand in the house of the Lord : in the courts of the house of our God.

O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious : O sing praises unto His name, for it is lovely.

For why? the Lord hath chosen

Jacob unto Himself : and Israel for His own possession.

For I know that the Lord is great : and that our Lord is above all gods.

Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth : and in the sea, and in all deep places.

He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world : and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of His treasures.

He smote the first-born of Egypt : both of man and beast.

He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt : upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.

He smote divers nations : and slew mighty kings ;

Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan : and all the kingdoms of Canaan ;

And gave their land to be an heritage : even an heritage unto Israel His people.

Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever : so doth Thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.

For the Lord will avenge His people : and be gracious unto His servants.

As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold : the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, and speak not : eyes have they, but they see not.

They have ears, and yet they hear not : neither is there any breath in their mouths.

They that make them are like unto them : and so are all they that put their trust in them.

Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel : praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron.

Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi : ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord.

Praised be the Lord out of Sion : who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

Psalm 150.

O PRAISE God in His holiness : praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him in His noble acts : praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet : praise Him upon the lute and harp.

Praise Him in the cymbals and dances : praise Him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.

Praise for God's mercy and wonderful works.

Psalm 9.

I WILL give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : I will speak of all Thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in Thee : yea, my songs will I make of Thy name, O Thou most Highest.

While mine enemies are driven back : they shall fall and perish at Thy presence.

For Thou hast maintained my right and my cause : Thou art set in the throne that judgest right.

Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly : Thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end : even as the cities which thou hast destroyed; their memorial is perished with them.

But the Lord shall endure for ever : He hath also prepared His seat for judgment.

For He shall judge the world in righteousness : and minister true judgment unto the people.

The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed : even a refuge in due time of trouble.

And they that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee : for Thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek Thee.

O praise the Lord which dwelleth in Sion : shew the people of His doings.

For, when He maketh inquisition for blood, He remembereth them : and forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord ; consider the trouble which I suffer of them that hate me : Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death.

That I may shew all Thy praises within the ports of the daughter of Sion : I will rejoice in Thy salvation.

The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made : in the same net which they hid privily, is their foot taken.

The Lord is known to execute judgment : the ungodly is trapped in the work of his own hands.

The wicked shall be turned into hell : and all the people that forget God.

For the poor shall not alway be forgotten : the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever.

Up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand : let the heathen be judged in Thy sight.

Put them in fear, O Lord : that the heathen may know themselves to be but men.

Psalm 19.

THE heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth His handy-work.

One day telleth another : and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language : but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is Thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse Thou me from my secret faults.

Keep Thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be alway acceptable in Thy sight,

O Lord : my strength, and my redeemer.

Praise for God's merciful care and protection of those who trust in Him.

PSALM 146.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord : yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man : for there is no help in them.

For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth : and then all his thoughts perish.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help : and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is : who keepeth His promise for ever;

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong : who feedeth the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison: the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen : the Lord careth for the righteous.

The Lord careth for the strangers; He defendeth the fatherless and widow : as for the way of the ungodly, He turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore : and throughout all generations.

Comfort in prayer and public worship amid tribulation.

PSALM 42.

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks : so longeth my soul after Thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God : when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night : while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself : for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;

In the voice of praise and thanksgiving : among such as keep holyday.

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Put thy trust in God : for I will yet give Him thanks for the help of His countenance.

My God, my soul is vexed within me : therefore will I remember Thee concerning the land of Jordan, and the little hill of Hermon.

One deep calleth another, because of the noise of the water-pipes : all Thy waves and storms are gone over me.

The Lord hath granted His loving-kindness in the day-time : and in the night-season did I sing of Him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life.

I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast Thou forgotten me : why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword : while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;

Namely, while they say daily unto me : Where is now thy God?

Why art thou so vexed, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God : for I will yet thank Him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Comfort in God's word and keeping His commandments.

PART OF PSALM 119, v. 1.

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep His testimonies : and seek Him with their whole heart.

For they who do no wickedness : walk in His ways.

Thou hast charged : that we shall diligently keep Thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct : that I might keep Thy statutes !

So shall I not be confounded : while I have respect unto all Thy commandments.

I will thank Thee with an unfeigned heart : when I shall have learned the judgments of Thy righteousness.

I will keep Thy ceremonies : O forsake me not utterly.

PART OF PSALM 119, v. 89.

O LORD, Thy word : endureth for ever in heaven.

Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another : Thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to Thine ordinance : for all things serve Thee.

If my delight had not been in Thy law : I should have perished in my trouble.

I will never forget Thy commandments : for with them Thou hast quickened me.

I am Thine, O save me : for I have sought Thy commandments.

The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me : but I will consider Thy testimonies.

I see that all things come to an end : but Thy commandment is exceeding broad.

PART OF PSALM 119, v. 97.

LORD, what love have I unto Thy law : all the day long is my love in it.

Thou through Thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies : for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than my teachers : for Thy testimonies are my study.

I am wiser than the aged : because I keep Thy commandments.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way : that I may keep Thy word.

I have not shrunk from Thy judgments : for Thou teachest me.

O how sweet are Thy words unto my throat : yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.

Through Thy commandments I get understanding : therefore I hate all evil ways.

Trust in God's mercy and protection amid trouble.

PSALM 41.

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor and needy : the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be blessed upon earth : and deliver not Thou him into the will of his enemies.

The Lord comfort him, when he lieth sick upon his bed : make Thou all his bed in his sickness.

I said, Lord, be merciful unto me : heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

Mine enemies speak evil of me : When shall he die, and his name perish ?

And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity : and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself, and when he cometh forth he telleth it.

All mine enemies whisper together against me : even against me do they imagine this evil.

Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him : and now that he lieth, let him rise up no more.

Yea, even mine own familiar

friend, whom I trusted : who did also eat of my bread, hath laid great wait for me.

But be Thou merciful unto me, O Lord : raise Thou me up again, and I shall reward them.

By this I know Thou favourest me : that mine enemy doth not triumph against me.

And when I am in my health, Thou upholdest me : and shalt set me before Thy face for ever.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : world without end. Amen.

Psalm 63.

O GOD, Thou art my God: early will I seek Thee.

My soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh also longeth after Thee : in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for Thee in holiness : that I might behold Thy power and glory.

For Thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself : my lips shall praise Thee.

As long as I live will I magnify Thee on this manner : and lift up my hands in Thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied even as it were with marrow and fatness : when my mouth praiseth Thee with joyful lips.

Have I not remembered Thee in my bed : and thought upon Thee when I was waking ?

Because Thou hast been my helper : therefore under the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul hangeth upon Thee : Thy right hand hath upholden me.

These also that seek the hurt of my soul : they shall go under the earth.

Let them fall upon the edge of the sword : that they may be a portion for foxes.

But the king shall rejoice in God ; all they also that swear by Him shall be commended : for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

The sure defence and peace of those who trust in God's promises.

Psalm 91.

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold : my God, in Him will I trust.

For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter : and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under His wings, and thou shalt be safe under His feathers : His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night : nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand : but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold : and see the reward of the ungodly.

For Thou, Lord, art my hope : Thou hast set Thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands : that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him : I will set him up, because he hath known My name.

He shall call upon Me, and I will

hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him : and shew him My salvation.

Psalm 125.

THEY that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the Mount Sion : which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem : even so standeth the Lord round about His people, from this time forth for evermore.

For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lot of the righteous : lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.

Do well, O Lord : unto those that are good and true of heart.

As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness : the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil-doers; but peace shall be upon Israel.

Penitential.

Psalm 32.

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven : and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin : and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For while I held my tongue : my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

For Thy hand is heavy upon me day and night : and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

I will acknowledge my sin unto Thee : and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord : and so Thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto Thee, in a time when Thou mayest be found : but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh Him.

Thou art a place to hide me in, Thou shalt preserve me from trouble : Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go : and I will guide thee with Mine eye.

Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding : whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly : but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord : and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Psalm 38.

PUT me not to rebuke, O Lord, in Thine anger : neither chasten me in Thy heavy displeasure.

For Thine arrows stick fast in me : and Thy hand presseth me sore.

There is no health in my flesh, because of Thy displeasure : neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

For my wickednesses are gone over my head : and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

My wounds stink, and are corrupt : through my foolishness.

I am brought into so great trouble and misery : that I go mourning all the day long.

For my loins are filled with a sore disease : and there is no whole part in my body.

I am feeble, and sore smitten : I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

Lord, Thou knowest all my desire : and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me : and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

My lovers and my neighbours did

stand looking upon my trouble : and my kinsmen stood afar off.

They also that sought after my life laid snares for me : and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not : and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

I became even as a man that heareth not : and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

For in Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : Thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me : for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly against me.

And I, truly, am set in the plague : and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

For I will confess my wickedness : and be sorry for my sin.

But mine enemies live, and are mighty : and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

They also that reward evil for good are against me : because I follow the thing that good is.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God : be not Thou far from me.

Haste Thee to help me : O Lord God of my salvation.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth :

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads one of the short chapters following :

First Week.

MONDAY.

Love, or charity, the fulfilling of the law.

The Lesson is taken from St. Paul's Epistles to the Romans and Galatians; from St. Paul's 1st Epistles to Timothy and to the Corinthians.

[1] OWE no man any thing, but to love one another : for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. . . . . Love worketh no ill to

[1] *Rom.* xiii. 8, 10.

his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

[1] Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: faith which worketh by love.

[2] Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

TUESDAY.

Faith necessary to uphold and stimulate the Christian in his religious walk.

From St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians, and from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[3] WE walk by faith, not by sight. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

[4] And straightway Jesus constrained His disciples to get into a ship, and to go before Him unto the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, He was there alone. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves; for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; It is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered Him and said, Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water. And He said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And

[1] 1 *Tim.* i. 5, and *Gal.* v. 6.
[2] 1 *Cor.* xiii. 1.
[3] 2 *Cor.* v. 7, and iv. 18.
[4] *St. Matt.* xiv. 22.

when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped Him, saying, Of a truth Thou art the Son of God.

THURSDAY.

Faith necessary; but must be joined with good works, to give it saving efficacy.

From the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk; from St. Paul's Epistles to the Hebrews and Galatians; and from the General Epistle of St. James.

[1] BEHOLD, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

[2] Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. . . . . Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. . . . . By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

[3] Now we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

[4] For what doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness, and he was called the friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. . . . . For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

SATURDAY.

Unity of Faith.

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians.

[5] BRETHREN, I beseech you, that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

[1] *Habak.* ii. 4. [2] *Heb.* xi. 1. [3] *Gal.* v. 5.
[4] *St. James* ii. 14. [5] *Ephes.* iv. 1.

Second Week.

MONDAY.

Same subject continued.

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians.

[1] BRETHREN, unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. . . . . And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

TUESDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the General Epistle of St. Jude.

[2] BELOVED, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

THURSDAY.

Baptism, the remembrance and fulfilment of our profession therein.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. John, and from St. Paul's Epistles to Titus and to the Romans.

[3] JESUS said to Nicodemus, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

[4] Brethren, after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

[5] What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptised into Jesus Christ were baptised into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that

[1] *Ephes.* iv. 7. [2] *St. Jude* 17. [3] *St. John* iii. 5.
[4] *Tit.* iii. 4. [5] *Rom.* vi. 1.

henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him: knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him. For in that He died, He died unto sin once; but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

SATURDAY.

Subjection of our reason to the revealed Word.

From the Book of Proverbs, and from St. Paul's First and Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

[1] MY son . . . . let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thy heart: so shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

[2] For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

[3] Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Third Week.

MONDAY.

Good works: we shall be judged, and rewarded or punished, according as they are so, or not.

From the Book of Ecclesiastes; from St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians; and from the Revelations of St. John.

[4] GOD will bring every work to judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

[5] For we must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

[6] And I John saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, accord-

[1] *Prov.* iii 3. [2] 2 *Cor* x. 4. [3] 1 *Cor.* i. 25.
[4] *Eccles.* xii. 14. [5] 2 *Cor.* v. 10. [6] *Rev.* xx. 11.

ing to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. . . . And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

[1] Jesus said by His angel, Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

TUESDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the Book of the Prophet Daniel, and from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[2] AND many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that shall be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

[3] At that time Jesus said, When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in: naked, and ye clothed Me: I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungred, and fed Thee? or thirsty, and gave Thee drink? when saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed Thee? or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me. Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was an hungred, and ye gave Me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me not in: naked, and ye clothed Me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited Me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto Thee? Then shall He answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

THURSDAY.

Same subject continued.

(Parable of the Tares.)

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[4] AT that time Jesus said, The kingdom of heaven is likened

[1] *Rev.* xxii. 12. [2] *Dan.* xii. 2. [3] *St. Matt.* xxv. 31.
[4] *St. Matt.* xiii. 24.

unto a man which sowed good seed in his field. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the housholder came, and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Explanation of foregoing Parable.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[1] THEN Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house; and His disciples came unto Him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of Man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

SATURDAY.

Preparation for a future life, by good works, not to be delayed.

From the Books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes; from the Holy Gospel according to St. John; from St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians; and the Second General Epistle of St. Peter.

[2] BOAST not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

[3] Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

[4] Jesus said, I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

[5] Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

[6] Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure. . . . Be diligent, that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Fourth Week.

MONDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[7] AT that time Jesus said, Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to

[1] *St. Matt.* xiii. 36. [2] *Prov.* xxvii. 1. [3] *Eccles.* ix. 10.
[4] *St. John* ix. 4. [5] 2 *Cor.* vi. 2. [6] 2 *Pet.* i. 10, and iii. 14.
[7] *St. Matt.* xxv. 1.

meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.

TUESDAY.

Perseverance in good works.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews, and First Epistle to the Corinthians.

[1] AT that time Jesus said, He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

[2] Brethren, know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

[3] For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.

[4] Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

THURSDAY.

Same subject continued.

From St. Paul's Epistles to the Philippians and Galatians.

[5] WHAT things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize

[1] *St. Matt.* xxiv. 13. [2] 1 *Cor.* ix. 24. [3] *Heb.* iii. 14.
[4] 1 *Cor.* xv. 58. [5] *Phil.* iii. 7.

of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

[1] And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

SATURDAY.

The Christian course progressive.

From the Book of Proverbs, and from the Second General Epistle of St. Peter.

[2] THE path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the present day.

[3] Ye, therefore, beloved, ... grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

[4] And giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fifth Week.

MONDAY.

Good works.—1. *Love of God and our neighbour.*

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[5] AND, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted Jesus, saying, What shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And He said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

TUESDAY.

2. *Love of our neighbour.*

From the Book of Leviticus, and from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[6] THOU shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.

[7] Jesus said, I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them

[1] *Gal.* vi. 6.
[2] *Prov.* iv. 18.
[3] 2 *St. Pet.* iii. 17, 18.
[4] 2 *St. Pet.* i. 5.
[5] *St. Luke* x. 25.
[6] *Lev.* xix. 18.
[7] *St. Luke* vi. 27.

that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. . . . . And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

THURSDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the First General Epistle of St. John.

[1] HEREBY perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment. And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him.

SATURDAY.

Humility.

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, and from the First General Epistle of St. Peter.

[2] THUS saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with Him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

[3] And Jesus opened His mouth, and taught, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

[4] Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. Ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Sixth Week.

Same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospels according to St. Matthew and St. Luke.

[5] AT the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I

[1] *St. John* iii. 16. [2] *Isaiah* lvii. 15. [3] *St. Matt.* v. 2.
[4] 1 *St. Pet.* v. 6. [5] *St. Matt.* xviii. 1.

say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me.

[1] And Jesus put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when He marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; and he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

TUESDAY.

Patience in trouble.

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews.

[2] BELOVED, forget not the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

THURSDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the General Epistle of St. James.

[3] BE patient, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the Judge standeth before the door. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of

[1] *St. Luke* xiv. 7. [2] *Heb.* xii. 5. [3] *St. James* v. 7.

the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

SATURDAY.

Holiness and reverence.

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews.

[1] BRETHREN, follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears. For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words. . . . . But ye are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused Him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him that speaketh from heaven: whose voice then shook the earth: but now He hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken, may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire.

Seventh Week.

MONDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the First General Epistle of St. Peter, and from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews.

[2] BRETHREN, let us fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

[3] But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

[4] Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling

[1] *Heb.* xii. 14. [2] *Heb.* iv. 1. [3] 1 *Pet.* i. 15.
[4] *Heb.* iv. 14.

of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

TUESDAY.

Speaking the truth, and command of the temper.

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians.

[1] BRETHREN, putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil..... Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

THURSDAY.

Danger of insincerity in religion.

From the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

[2] AND the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

[3] But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. And great fear came upon all the Church, and upon as many as heard these things.

[1] *Ephes.* iv. 25. [2] *Acts* iv. 32. [3] *Acts* v. 1.

SATURDAY.

Some of our Lord's last divine sayings to His disciples previous to His agony in the garden.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

[1] JESUS said to His disciples, Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him. Philip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto Him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast Thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me: or else believe Me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it.

Eighth Week.

MONDAY.

Same subject continued.

[2] JESUS said to His disciples, If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you. He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.

TUESDAY.

Same subject continued.

[3] JUDAS saith unto Jesus, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love Him, and we will come unto Him, and make our abode with Him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings: and the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which

[1] *St. John* xiv. 1. [2] *St. John* xiv. 15. [3] *St. John* xiv. 23.

is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. . . . . These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

THURSDAY.

Same subject continued.

[1] JESUS said to His disciples, I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered: and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples. As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love.

SATURDAY.

The Divinity of Christ.

[2] IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through Him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

Then he says,

℣. Let us give praise to the Lord, for He is good.
℟. And His mercy endureth for ever.
℣. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

[1] *St. John* xv. 1. [2] *St. John* i. 1.

℣. O Lord, wash us thoroughly from our wickedness.
℟. And cleanse us from our sin.
℣. O Lord, hear our prayer.
℟. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Then all kneeling, say the Confession and Litany following:

O ALMIGHTY Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through our fault, through our great and grievous fault; and we present ourselves before Thy eyes, humbly beseeching Thee not to consider the multitude of our offences, but to remember Thy infinite mercy. Give us, O Lord a true contrition for all the sins we have committed against Thee, that being turned from all our evil ways, we may, by a sincere repentance, obtain Thy peace; for the sake of the merits of Thy blessed Son's most sacred passion, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God the Father of heaven, God the Son Redeemer of the world, God the Holy Ghost,

Have mercy on us.

O Holy Trinity, Three Persons and one God,

Have mercy on us.

From all evil, from all sin, from Thy wrath, from a sudden and unprovided death, from all Thy heavy judgments in this present world, and from everlasting death in the world to come,

O Lord, deliver us.

From the deceits of the devil, from the spirit of sloth and of self-love, from revenge, hatred, and impatience, from envy, calumny, and all uncharitableness,

O Lord, deliver us.

From the spirit of pride, vanity, and ambition, from all intemperance, prodigality, and covetousness, from fornication and all impurity,

O Lord, deliver us.

From the spirit of dissembling, flattering, and lying, from incredulity, profaneness, and all hardness of heart,

O Lord, deliver us.

From the spirit of immoderate anxiety and worldly care, from lukewarmness and indevotion, from levity and inconstancy,

O Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, and that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve Thy holy Church

with our own bishop, and all ecclesiastical orders in holy religion;

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and concord to Christian kings and princes; especially to our queen and royal family; and to grant peace and unity to all Christian people;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in Thy holy service, and to raise our minds to heavenly desires;

And that Thou mayest give us the spirit of universal charity, by which we may love Thee above all things, and our neighbour as ourselves;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Lord, graciously hear these our prayers.

O Christ, graciously hear us, and have mercy upon us.

Then all say,

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*If it be the season of Advent, Lent, or Ember-Days, here may follow the special Prayers which are to be said during those seasons.**

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* *Collects to be said during the season of Advent.*

FIRST WEEK.

STIR up Thy might, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be worthy to be delivered from the threatening danger of our sins, and by Thy deliverance be saved, who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

SECOND WEEK.

STIR up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way of Thy only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIRD WEEK.

HASTEN, O Lord Jesus, do not delay, and grant us the help of Thy heavenly power, that those who confide in Thy mercy may be

Then he says the following Thanksgiving Prayer:

O ALMIGHTY God, who observest all the actions, thoughts, and secret motions of our hearts, and who watchest over us with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing favours and shielding us from evil, blessed be Thy holy name: and may all creatures bless Thy goodness for the benefits we have ever received from Thee, especially during the night past; but above all for the surpassing riches of Thy mercy, in creating and preserving, redeeming and sanctifying us.

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helped by the consolations of Thy coming, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

FOURTH WEEK.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Almighty God, that we, who are depressed by our old servitude under the yoke of sin, may be delivered by the new birth of Thy only-begotten Son, which we now look for, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect to be said during the season of Lent.

O LORD, who for our sakes didst fast forty days and forty nights, give us grace to employ this season in a more perfect self-denial, that our flesh being subdued by the mortification of our unruly wills and appetites, our minds may be free to approach Thee with ardour and fervency in our prayers; and that by abstaining according to our strength from those temporal blessings Thou hast given us, we may be taught to relish the pleasures of spiritual enjoyments, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collects to be said on the Ember-days.

O ALMIGHTY God, who from ancient times hast appointed a continual succession of priests and deacons, chosen and ordained by Thy bishops, to supply the spiritual wants of Thy faithful people, hear now, we beseech Thee, the supplications of Thy humble servants, and at this time so illuminate the minds of all bishops and pastors of Thy flock with the light of Thy brightness, that they may ordain such persons only as are indeed fitted for the sacred ministry of Thy Church. And we pray Thee grant both to us and all people the grace of reverence and due subjection to those so ordained, as truly sent by Thee to teach and dispense the mysteries of Thy truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, to such as shall be ordained, the abundance of Thy grace and heavenly benediction; and so fill them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy great name, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And Lord, we beseech Thee, never permit us to be so base and wicked as to repay Thy bounties with ingratitude, or Thy blessings with offences and injuries; but inflame our reins and hearts with the fire of Thy holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a clean heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects following, and Prayer for a blessing.

WE pray Thee, O Lord, graciously continue to visit this house and family; drive far from it all snares of the enemy; and keep us in peace and safety through this day, for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSIST, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions, by Thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by Thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from Thee, and by Thee may happily be ended, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and remain with us for ever. Amen.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY EVENINGS.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.

℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.

℣. O God, make speed to save us.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then he says one of the following Psalms.

Psalms of praise for God's mercy and wonderful works.

PART OF PSALM 33, v. 1.

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous : for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

Praise the Lord with harp : sing praises unto Him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto the Lord a new song : sing praises lustily unto Him with a good courage.

For the word of the Lord is true : and all His works are faithful.

He loveth righteousness and judgment : the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made : and all the hosts of them by the breath of His mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap : and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

Let all the earth fear the Lord : stand in awe of Him, all ye that dwell in the world.

For He spake, and it was done : He commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought : and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.

The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever : and the thoughts of His heart from generation to generation.

PART OF PSALM 33, v. 12.

BLESSED are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah : and blessed are the folk, that He hath chosen to Him to be His inheritance.

The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men : from the habitation of His dwelling He considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

He fashioneth all the hearts of them : and understandeth all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host : neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man : neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him : and upon them that put their trust in His mercy :

To deliver their soul from death : and to feed them in the time of dearth.

Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord : for He is our help, and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have hoped in His holy name.

Let Thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us : like as we do put our trust in Thee.

Psalm 117.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye heathen : praise Him, all ye nations.

For His merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us : and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Part of Psalm 147, v. 1.

O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God : yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem : and gather together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart : and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars : and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is His power : yea, and His wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek : and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving : sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth : and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle : and feedeth the young ravens that call upon Him.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse : neither delighteth He in any man's legs.

But the Lord's delight is in them that fear Him : and put their trust in His mercy.

Part of Psalm 147, v. 12.

PRAISE the Lord, O Jerusalem : praise thy God, O Sion.

For He hath made fast the bars of thy gates : and hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders : and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

He sendeth forth His commandment upon earth : and His word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool : and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth His ice like morsels : who is able to abide His frost?

He sendeth out His word, and melteth them : He bloweth with His wind, and the waters flow.

He sheweth His word unto Jacob : His statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation : neither have the heathen knowledge of His laws.

Part of Psalm 136.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious : and His mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of all gods : for His mercy endureth for ever.

O thank the Lord of all lords : for His mercy endureth for ever.

Who only doeth great wonders : for His mercy endureth for ever.

Who by His excellent wisdom made the heavens : for His mercy endureth for ever.

Who laid out the earth above the waters : for His mercy endureth for ever.

Who hath made great lights : for His mercy endureth for ever ;

The sun to rule the day : for His mercy endureth for ever ;

The moon and the stars to govern the night : for His mercy endureth for ever.

Who smote Egypt with their first-born : for His mercy endureth for ever ;

And brought out Israel from among them : for His mercy endureth for ever ;

With a mighty hand and stretched out arm : for His mercy endureth for ever. . . . . .

Who remembered us when we were in trouble : for His mercy endureth for ever;

And hath delivered us from our enemies : for His mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh : for His mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven : for His mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the Lord of lords : for His mercy endureth for ever.

Comfort in God's word and keeping His commandments.

PART OF PSALM 119, v. 105.

THY word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.

I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed : to keep Thy righteous judgments.

I am troubled above measure : quicken me, O Lord, according to Thy word.

Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please Thee, O Lord ; and teach me Thy judgments.

My soul is alway in my hand : yet do I not forget Thy law.

The ungodly have laid a snare for me : but yet I swerved not from Thy commandments.

Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever : and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil Thy statutes alway : even unto the end.

PART OF PSALM 119, v. 129.

THY testimonies are wonderful : therefore doth my soul keep them.

When Thy word goeth forth : it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath : for my delight was in Thy commandments.

O look Thou upon me, and be merciful unto me : as Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy name.

Order my steps in Thy word: and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men : and so shall I keep Thy commandments.

Shew the light of Thy countenance upon Thy servant : and teach me Thy statutes.

Mine eyes gush out with water: because men keep not Thy law.

PART OF PSALM 119, v. 161.

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause : but my heart standeth in awe of Thy word.

I am as glad of Thy word : as one that findeth great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them : but Thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise Thee : because of Thy righteous judgments.

Great is the peace that they have who love Thy law : and they are not offended at it.

Lord, I have looked for Thy saving health : and done after Thy commandments.

My soul hath kept Thy testimonies : and loved them exceedingly.

I have kept Thy commandments and testimonies : for all my ways are before Thee.

Trust in God amid trouble.

PSALM 70.

HASTE Thee, O God, to deliver me : make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.

Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame : that cry over me, There, there.

But let all those that seek Thee be joyful and glad in Thee : and let all such as delight in Thy salvation say alway, The Lord be praised.

As for me, I am poor and in misery : haste Thee unto me, O God.

Thou art my Helper, and my Redeemer : O Lord, make no long tarrying.

The Church's prayer in trouble.

PSALM 80.

HEAR, O Thou Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep : shew Thyself also, Thou that sittest upon the cherubims.

Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses : stir up Thy strength, and come, and help us.

Turn us again, O God : shew the light of Thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

O Lord God of Hosts : how long wilt Thou be angry with Thy people that prayeth ?

Thou feedest them with the bread of tears : and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours : and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Turn us again, Thou God of Hosts : shew the light of Thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt : Thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it

Thou madest room for it : and when it had taken root it filled the land.

The hills were covered with the shadow of it : and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.

She stretched out her branches unto the sea : and her boughs unto the river.

Why hast Thou then broken down her hedge : that all they that go by pluck off her grapes ?

The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up : and the wild beasts of the field devour it.

Turn Thee again, Thou God of Hosts, look down from heaven : behold, and visit this vine ;

And the place of the vineyard that Thy right hand hath planted : and the branch that Thou madest so strong for Thyself.

It is burnt with fire, and cut down : and they shall perish at the rebuke of Thy countenance.

Let Thy hand be upon the man of Thy right hand : and upon the son of man, whom Thou madest so strong for Thine own self.

And so will not we go back from Thee : O let us live, and we shall call upon Thy name.

Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts : shew the light of Thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

PSALM 79.

O GOD, the heathen are come into Thine inheritance : Thy holy temple have they defiled, and made Jerusalem an heap of stones.

The dead bodies of Thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the air : and the flesh of Thy saints unto the beasts of the land.

Their blood have they shed like water on every side of Jerusalem : and there was no man to bury them.

We are become an open shame to our enemies : a very scorn and derision unto them that are round about us.

Lord, how long wilt Thou be angry : shall Thy jealousy burn like fire for ever ?

Pour out Thine indignation upon the heathen that have not known Thee : and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon Thy name.

For they have devoured Jacob : and laid waste his dwelling-place.

O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon : for we are come to great misery.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name : O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for Thy name's sake.

Wherefore do the heathen say : Where is now their God ?

O let the vengeance of Thy servants' blood that is shed : be openly shewed upon the heathen in our sight.

O let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before Thee : according to the greatness of Thy power, preserve Thou those that are appointed to die.

And for the blasphemy wherewith our neighbours have blasphemed Thee : reward Thou them, O Lord, sevenfold into their bosom.

So we that are Thy people, and sheep of Thy pasture, shall give Thee thanks for ever : and will alway be shewing forth Thy praise from generation to generation.

The sure establishment of Christ's kingdom amid dangers.

PSALM 46.

GOD is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved : and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

Though the waters thereof rage and swell : and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God : the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed : God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved : but God hath shewed His voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord : what destruction He hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world : He breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of Hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Penitential.

PART OF PSALM 102, v. 1.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord : and let my crying come unto Thee.

Hide not Thy face from me in the time of my trouble : incline Thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon.

For my days are consumed away like smoke : and my bones are burnt up as it were a firebrand.

My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass : so that I forget to eat my bread.

For the voice of my groaning : my bones will scarcely cleave to my flesh.

I am becóme like a pelican in the wilderness : and like an owl that is in the desert.

I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow : that sitteth alone upon the house-top.

Mine enemies revile me all the day long : and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.

For I have eaten ashes as it were bread : and mingled my drink with weeping;

And that because of Thine indignation and wrath : for Thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.

My days are gone like a shadow : and I am withered like grass.

But Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever : and Thy remembrance throughout all generations.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion : for it is time that Thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

And why ? Thy servants think upon her stones : and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

Part of Psalm 102, v. 15.

THE heathen shall fear Thy name, O Lord : and all the kings of the earth Thy majesty;

When the Lord shall build up Sion : and when His glory shall appear;

When He turneth Him unto the prayer of the poor destitute : and despiseth not their desire.

This shall be written for those that come after : and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.

For He hath looked down from His sanctuary : out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

That He might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity : and deliver the children appointed unto death;

That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion : and His worship at Jerusalem;

When the people are gathered together : and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

He brought down my strength in my journey : and shortened my days.

But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age : as for Thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth : and the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure : they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

And as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed : but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.

The children of Thy servants shall continue : and their seed shall stand fast in Thy sight.

Psalm 130.

OUT of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

If Thou, Lord, will be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it ?

For there is mercy with Thee : therefore shalt Thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for Him : in His word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads one of the short chapters following :

First Week.

MONDAY.

Good works : love of God and our neighbour.

The Lesson is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy; from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew; and from the First General Epistle of St. John.

[1] AND now, Israel, what doth the Lord require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and His statutes, which I commanded thee this day for thy good?

[2] But when the Pharisees had heard that Jesus had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

[3] This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.

[1] *Deut.* x. 12. [2] *St. Matt.* xxii. 34. [3] 1 *St. John* v. 3.

TUESDAY.

Keeping the commandments.

From the Book of Ecclesiastes, and from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[1] LET us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.

[2] Jesus said, If thou wilt enter life, keep the commandments.

[3] Again, at another time, Jesus said, Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

THURSDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[4] AND when much people were gathered together, and were come to Him out of every city, Jesus spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way-side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when He had said these things, He cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And His disciples asked Him, saying, What might this parable be? And He said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way-side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

SATURDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the General Epistle of St. James.

[5] BRETHREN, be ye doers of the word, and not hearers

[1] *Eccles.* xii. 13. [2] *St. Matt.* xix. 17. [3] *St. Matt.* vii. 21.
[4] *St. Luke* viii. 4. [5] *St. James* i. 22.

only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Second Week.

MONDAY.

Humility.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[1] JESUS spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a Publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank Thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this Publican: I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the Publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

TUESDAY.

Stedfastness of faith in God's promises.

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews.

[2] BRETHREN, let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation: Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

[3] And having an high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for He is faithful that promised).

THURSDAY.

Stedfastness of faith in God's power and mercy amid trials and difficulties.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

[4] AND when the even was come, Jesus saith unto His disciples, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took Him even as He was in the ship. And there were also with Him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And He was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake Him, and say unto Him, Master, carest Thou

[1] *St. Luke* xviii. 9. [2] *Heb.* xiii. 5. [3] *Heb.* x. 21. [4] *St. Mark* iv. 35.

not that we perish. And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And He said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?

SATURDAY.

The fear of God, not of man; and resolute confession of Christ's name.

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah; from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke; and from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

[1] HEARKEN unto Me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is My law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but My righteousness shall be for ever, and My salvation from generation to generation.

[2] Jesus said, I say unto you My friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear Him, which after He hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, fear Him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God: but he that denieth Me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

[3] If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Third Week.

MONDAY.

Government of the tongue and temper.

From the Book of Proverbs; from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew; and from the General Epistle of St. James.

[4] DEATH and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit of it.

[5] Jesus said, But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

[6] For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the

[1] *Isaiah* li. 7. [2] *St. Luke* xii. 4. [3] *Rom.* x. 9.
[4] *Prov.* xviii. 21. [5] *St. Matt.* xii. 36. [6] *St. James* iii. 14.

whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? . . . . . Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

TUESDAY.

Thankfulness for special mercies.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

[1] NOW there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, He saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered Him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked. And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed Himself away, a multitude being in that place. . . . Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

[1] *St. John* v. 2.

THURSDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[2] AND it came to pass, as Jesus went to Jerusalem, that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered into a certain village, there met Him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when He saw them. He said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are

[2] *St. Luke* xvii. 11.

not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And He said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

SATURDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the Book of Deuteronomy, and from the First General Epistle of St. Peter.

[1] BEWARE that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I commanded thee this day: lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and hast dwelt therein; and when thy herds and thy flock multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thy heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ... who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that He might humble thee, and that He might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; and thou say in thy heart, My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

[2] But ye, brethren, are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Fourth Week.

MONDAY.

Forgiveness of injuries.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[3] PETER said unto Jesus, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times; but until seventy times seven. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, which owed him an hundred pence; and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow-servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not; but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee?

[1] *Deut.* viii. 11. [2] 1 *St. Pet.* ii. 9. [3] *St. Matt.* xviii. 21.

And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall My heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

TUESDAY.

Same subject concluded.

From the Book of Proverbs; from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark; and from the First General Epistle of St. Peter.

[1] THE discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

[2] At that time Jesus said to His disciples, When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

[3] Brethren, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

THURSDAY.

Diligence in our respective callings.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[4] AT that time Jesus said to His disciples, The kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: and I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofit-

[1] *Prov.* xix. 11.
[2] *St. Mark* xi. 25.
[3] 1 *St. Pet.* iii. 8.
[4] *St. Matt.* xxv. 14.

able servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

SATURDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the Book of Proverbs; from St Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians; from St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians; and from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

[1] THE soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

[2] Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

[3] We beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more. And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; that ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

[4] Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

[5] I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak.

Fifth Week.

MONDAY.

The Christian course progressive.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

[6] AT that time Jesus said, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given. For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath. And He said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

TUESDAY.

Against ostentation in religion.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[7] AT that time Jesus said, Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and

[1] *Prov.* xiii. 4. [2] *Prov.* vi. 6. [3] 1 *Thess.* iv. 10.
[4] *Eph.* iv. 28. [5] *Acts* xx. 35. [6] *St. Mark* iv. 24.
[7] *St. Matt.* vi. 1.

thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

THURSDAY.

Against rash judgment.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[1] AT that time Jesus said, Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

SATURDAY.

Danger of relapsing in good works.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke; from the Second General Epistle of St. Peter; and from St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians.

[2] AT that time Jesus said, When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

[3] For if after they that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

[4] Wherefore, my beloved, ... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Sixth Week.

MONDAY.

Some of the principal means of grace for performing and continuing in good works. 1st, Prayer; its obligation and condition of acceptance.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke; from the First General Epistle of St. Peter; and from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews.

[5] AND when Jesus rose up from prayer, and was come to His disciples, He found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

[6] And at another time Jesus said to His disciples, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importu-

[1] *St. Matt.* vii. 1. [2] *St. Luke* xi. 24. [3] 2 *St. Pet.* ii. 10 and 20.
[4] *Philip.* ii. 12, 13. [5] *St. Luke* xxi. 45. [6] *St. Luke* xi. 5.

nity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?

[1] Brethren, the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

[2] By Christ therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.

TUESDAY.

Watchfulness.

From the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk, and from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[3] I WILL stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what He will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. And the Lord answered me, and said, . . The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

[4] Jesus said to His disciples, Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

THURSDAY.

Same subject continued.

From St. Paul's Epistles to the Romans and Ephesians.

[5] BRETHREN, it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

[6] Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high

[1] 1 *St. Pet.* iv. 7. [2] *Heb.* xiii. 15. [3] *Habak.* ii. 1.
[4] *St. Luke* xii. 35. [5] *Rom.* xiii. 11. [6] *Eph.* vi. 10.

places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

SATURDAY.

Self-denial.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, and from St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

AND when Jesus had called the [1] people unto Him with His disciples also, He said unto them, Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

[2] Brethren, Christ died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again.

[3] For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.

Seventh Week.

MONDAY.

Same subject continued.

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians.

[4] IF there be any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

[1] *St. Mark* viii. 34. [2] 2 *Cor.* v. 15. [3] 2 *Cor.* viii. 9.
[4] *Philip.* ii. 1.

TUESDAY.

The Duty and Benefit of Almsgiving.

From the Book of Tobit; from St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians, and First Epistle to Timothy; and from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

[1] GIVE alms of thy substance, and when thou givest alms let not thine eye be envious, neither turn thy face from any poor, and the face of God shall not be turned away from thee.

[2] Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy: that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

[3] If thou hast abundance, give alms accordingly; if thou hast but little, be not afraid to give according to that little; for thou layest up for thyself a good treasure against the day of necessity.

[4] Brethren, as we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the houshold of faith.

[5] And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

THURSDAY.

Penitence; the sad consequences of sin, and the right method of repenting of it.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[6] AND Jesus said, A certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

[1] *Tob.* iv. 7. [2] 1 *Tim.* vi. 17, 19. [3] *Tob.* iv. 8.
[4] *Gal.* vi. 10. [5] *Acts* xx. 35. [6] *St. Luke* xv. 11.

And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: but as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

SATURDAY.

Some of our Lord's last divine sayings and actions before His crucifixion.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

[1]NOW before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end. And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He was come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel, and girded Himself. After that He poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded. Then cometh He to Simon Peter: and Peter said unto Him, Lord, dost Thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do, thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto Him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with Me. Simon Peter saith unto Him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For He knew who should betray Him; therefore said He, Ye are not all clean. So after He had washed their feet, and had taken His garments, and was set down again, He said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither He that is sent greater than He that sent Him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Eighth Week.

MONDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

[2]WHEN Judas was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God be glorified in Him, God shall also glorify Him in Himself, and shall straightway glorify Him. Little children, yet

[1] *St. John* xiii. 1.

[2] *St. John* xiii. 31.

a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another. Simon Peter said unto Him, Lord, whither goest Thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow Me now; but thou shalt follow Me afterwards. Peter said unto Him, Lord, why cannot I follow Thee now? I will lay down My life for Thy sake. Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for My sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow till thou hast denied Me thrice.

TUESDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

[1] AND in the evening Jesus cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with Me shall betray Me. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto Him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? And He answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with Me in the dish. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of Him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born. And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is My body. And He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And He said unto them, This is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God. And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

THURSDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[2] THEN cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith He unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with Me. And He went a little farther, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt. And He cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done. And He came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And He left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then cometh He to His disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and

[1] *St. Mark* xiv. 17.

[2] *St. Matt.* xxvi. 36.

the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

SATURDAY.

The Divinity of Christ.

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews.

[1]GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son? And again, when He bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, He saith, And let all the angels of God worship Him. And of the angels He saith, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire. But unto the son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands; they shall perish; but Thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt Thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.

Then he says,

℣. Let us bless the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.
℣. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night
℟. To keep us without sin.
℣. O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us,
℟. As we put our trust in Thee.

Then all kneeling say the Confession and Litany following:

O ALMIGHTY Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through our fault, through our great and grievous fault; and we present ourselves before Thy eyes, humbly beseeching Thee not to consider the multitude of our offences, but to remem-

[1] *Heb.* i. 1.

ber Thy infinite mercies. Give us, O Lord, a true contrition for all the sins we have committed against Thee, that being turned from all our evil ways, we may by a sincere repentance obtain Thy peace; for the sake of the merits of Thy blessed Son's most sacred passion, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God the Father of heaven; God the Son Redeemer of the world; God the Holy Ghost,

Have mercy on us.

O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God,

Have mercy on us.

From all irreligion, from the neglect of what we know to be our duty, and carelessness in performing it,

O Lord, deliver us.

From all lying, deceit, and hypocrisy, from a revengeful spirit, from all ill-will, and ingratitude to those who do us good,

O Lord, deliver us.

From wasting our precious time, which once past can never be recalled, from a heedless and unthinking life, and from too great a love of ourselves and our own wills,

O Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, and make us to love Thee above all things, and our neighbour as ourselves.

Grant that our love of Thee may shew itself in the observance of Thy commandments, and the love of our neighbour in always doing to him as we would he should do unto us;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That we may live soberly, justly, and godly; keeping our thoughts free from the defilements of sin; and directing our thoughts, words, and actions, to Thee, who art the author of life here, and of happiness hereafter;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That a spirit of mildness and gentleness to others may appear in all our actions; patiently bearing with others' failings as we would wish them to bear with our own;

That we may live together as brothers, children of the same Father, and looking for the blessed hope and coming of Thee, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Lord, graciously hear us.

O Christ, graciously hear us, and have mercy upon us.

Then all say,

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*If it be the season of Advent, Lent, or Ember-Days, here may follow the special Prayers which are to be said during those seasons.**

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* *Collects to be said during the season of Advent.*

FIRST WEEK.

POUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND WEEK.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, incline Thy ears to our prayers, and enlighten the darkness of our mind by the grace of Thy visitation, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

THIRD WEEK.

RAISE up Thy power, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and come; that they who confide in Thy mercy may be more speedily freed from all adversity, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

FOURTH WEEK.

GIVE joy to us, Thine unworthy servants, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the coming of Thy only-begotten Son, who are made sorrowful by the guilt of our deeds; through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Collect to be said during the season of Lent.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that as we deny ourselves and our own wills for Christ's sake, so we may be led more freely to confess and heartily to bewail our innumerable sins before Thee; and though worthily deserving punishment for our evil deeds, by the comforts of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collects to be said on the Ember-Days.

O GOD, who by Thy holy Church hast set apart this time for consecrating to Thee the ensuing season of the year, grant, we bese- Thee, that we Thy humble servants may so consecrate unto Thy Γ

Then he says the Thanksgiving Prayer:

O ALMIGHTY God, who observest all the actions, thoughts, and secret motions of our hearts, and who watchest over us with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing favours and shielding us from evil, blessed be Thy holy name: and may all creatures bless Thy goodness, for the benefits we have ever received from Thee, especially this day; but above all, for the surpassing riches of Thy mercy, in creating and preserving, redeeming and sanctifying us. And, Lord, we beseech Thee, never permit us to be so base and wicked as to repay Thy bounties with ingratitude, or Thy blessings with offences and injuries: but inflame our reins and hearts with the fire of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a clean heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects following, and Prayer for a blessing.

WE pray Thee, O Lord, graciously continue to visit this habitation; drive far from it all snares of the enemy; and give us a quiet night and a perfect end; for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSIST, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by Thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from Thee, and by Thee may happily be ended; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY the almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. Amen.

Majesty the first-fruits of this season, that the godly purposes which Thou puttest into our hearts may have their full effect in our lives, to Thy glory and our souls' health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, who doest good to all men, making the sun to rise on the just and on the unjust, favourably behold Thy people who call upon Thy name, and send us Thy blessing from heaven, in giving us fruitful seasons, and filling our hearts with food and gladness; that both our hearts and mouths may be continually filled with Thy praises, giving thanks to Thee in Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD the Father of lights, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, mercifully look on our frailty and infirmity, and grant us such health of body as Thou knowest to be needful for us; that both in our bodies and souls we may evermore serve Thee with all our strength and might; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips,

℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

℣. O God, make speed to save us.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then he says one of the following Psalms:

Godliness described.

PSALM 15.

LORD, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon Thy holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life : and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour : and hath not slandered his neighbour.

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes : and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not : though it were to his own hindrance.

He that hath not given his money upon usury : nor taken reward against the innocent.

Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.

The blessings of godliness.

PSALM 1.

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in His law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side : that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither : and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them : but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not

be able to stand in the judgment : neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 11.

IN the Lord put I my trust : how say ye then to my soul, That she should flee as a bird unto the hill ?

For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver : that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.

For the foundations will be cast down : and what hath the righteous done ?

The Lord is in His holy temple : the Lord's seat is in heaven.

His eyes consider the poor : and His eye-lids try the children of men.

The Lord alloweth the righteous : but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness doth His soul abhor.

Upon the ungodly He shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest : this shall be their portion to drink.

For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness : His countenance will behold the thing that is just.

Comfort in God's word, and keeping His commandments.

Part of Psalm 119, v. 9.

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way : even by ruling himself after Thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought Thee : O let me not go wrong out of Thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart : that I should not sin against Thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord : O teach me Thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling : of all the judgments of Thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of Thy testimonies : as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of Thy commandments : and have respect unto Thy ways.

My delight shall be in Thy statutes : and I will not forget Thy word.

Part of Psalm 119, v. 33.

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments : for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies : and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken Thou me in Thy way.

O stablish Thy word in Thy servant : that I may fear Thee.

Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of : for Thy judgments are good.

Behold, my delight is in Thy commandments : O quicken me in Thy righteousness.

Penitential.

Psalm 6.

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine indignation : neither chasten me in Thy displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak : O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

My soul also is sore troubled :

but, Lord, how long wilt Thou punish me?

Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul : O save me for Thy mercy's sake.

For in death no man remembereth Thee : and who will give Thee thanks in the pit?

I am weary of my groaning; every night wash I my bed : and water my couch with my tears.

My beauty is gone for very trouble : and worn away because of all mine enemies.

Away from me, all ye that work vanity : for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my petition : the Lord will receive my prayer.

All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed : they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

Psalm 51.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness : according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight : that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou are judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn Thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence : and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of Thy help again : and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall shew Thy praise.

For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee : but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

Thanksgiving for God's mercy to penitents.

Psalm 103.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me praise His holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul ; and forget not all His benefits ;

Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine infirmities ;

Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things : making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment : for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

He shewed His ways unto Moses : His works unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not always be chiding : neither keepeth He His anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is His mercy also toward them that fear Him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath He set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear Him.

For He knoweth whereof we are made : He remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass : for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone : and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear Him : and His righteousness upon children's children ;

Even upon such as keep His covenant : and think upon His commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared His seat in heaven : and His kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of His, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil His commandment, and hearken unto the voice of His words.

O praise the Lord, all ye His hosts : ye servants of His that do His pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of His, in all places of His dominion : praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads one of the short chapters following.

First Week.

WEDNESDAY.

Prayer: its obligation and acceptableness.

The Lesson is taken from the Book of the Prophet Daniel; from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke; from the Acts of the Holy Apostles; and from St. Paul's First Epistle to Timothy.

[1] NOW when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber towards Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

[2] And it came to pass, that, as Jesus was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

[3] Brethren, There was a certain man in Cæsarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

[4] Blessed Paul saith, I will that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

FRIDAY.

Prayer: its prevailing power with God when persevering.

From the Books of the Prophets Jeremiah and Daniel; and from the General Epistle of St. James.

[5] THEN shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.

[6] And I, Daniel, set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: and I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, ... And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, ... the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

[7] Brethren, the effectual fervent

[1] *Dan.* vi. 10. [2] *St. Luke* xi. 1. [3] *Acts* x. 1.
[4] 1 *Tim.* ii. 8. [5] *Jerem.* xxix. 12. [6] *Dan.* ix. 3 and 20.
[7] *St. James* v. 16.

prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

Second Week.

WEDNESDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[1] AND Jesus spake a parable unto His disciples to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: and there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?

FRIDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[2] THEN Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto Him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, Thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and besought Him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But He answered and said, I am not sent, but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, help me. But He answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord; yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Third Week.

WEDNESDAY.

Confession of sins sanctioned and enjoined.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark; from the Acts of the Holy Apostles; from the General Epistle of St. James, and First General Epistle of St. John.

[3] JOHN did baptise in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptised of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

[4] God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. . . . . And fear fell on all the Jews and Greeks dwelling at Ephesus,

[1] *St. Luke* xviii. 1. [2] *St. Matt.* xv. 21. [3] *St. Mark* i. 4.
[4] *Acts* xix. 11.

and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

[1] The holy Apostle St. James saith, Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

[2] Brethren, if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

FRIDAY.

The acceptableness and benefit of almsgiving.

From the Book of Proverbs and Tobit; from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke; and from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews.

[3] HE that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again.

[4] It is better to give alms than to lay up gold; for alms doth deliver from death, and shall purge away all sin.

[5] Jesus saith, Give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.

[6] Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens which faileth not.

[7] Brethren, to do good and to distribute forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Fourth Week.

WEDNESDAY.

Warning against covetousness.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[8] AND Jesus said unto the multitude, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And He spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

FRIDAY.

Warning against love of the world.

From the General Epistle of St. James, and the First General Epistle of St. John.

[9] BRETHREN, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

[10] Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of

[1] *St. James* v. 16.
[2] 1 *St. John* i. 8.
[3] *Prov.* xix. 17.
[4] *Tob.* xii. 8.
[5] *St. Luke* xi. 41.
[6] *St. Luke* xii. 33.
[7] *Heb.* xiii. 16.
[8] *St. Luke* xii. 13.
[9] *St. James* iv. 4.
[10] 1 *St. John* ii. 15.

the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Fifth Week.

WEDNESDAY.

Fatal effects of careless indulgence in the good things of this life.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[1] JESUS said, There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple, and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day. And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried: and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they who would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham; but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

FRIDAY.

The duty and benefit of fasting.

From the Books of the Prophets Daniel, Ezekiel, and Joel.

[2] IN those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, ... I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold. . . . His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, ... and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; . . . . And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thy heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

[1] *St. Luke* xvi. 19.

[2] *Dan.* x. 2.

[1] Behold, saith the Lord, this was the iniquity of Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

[2] Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God?

Sixth Week.

WEDNESDAY.

The same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke, and from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

[3] AT that time Jesus said, When ye fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

[4] Then came to Jesus the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but Thy disciples fast not? And He said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

[5] Cornelius said, Four days ago, I was fasting until this hour, and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold a man stood before me in bright clothing, and said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thy alms had in remembrance, in the sight of God.

[6] And as certain prophets and teachers, with Barnabas and Saul, ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

FRIDAY.

Undivided trust in God's providence.

From the Book of Genesis; from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah; from St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians; and from the First General Epistle of St. Peter.

[7] AND Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the Lord which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well unto thee; I am not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies, and of all the truth, which Thou hast shewed unto Thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.

[8] Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither, ... for God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the

[1] *Ezek.* xvi. 49.
[2] *Joel* ii. 12.
[3] *St. Matt.* vi. 16.
[4] *St. Matt.* ix. 14; *St. Luke* v. 34.
[5] *Acts* x. 30.
[6] *Acts* xiii. 1.
[7] *Gen.* xxxii. 9.
[8] *Gen.* xlv. 3.

earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God; and He hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

[1] Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee. Trust thou in the Lord for ever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

[2] Brethren, be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

[3] Casting all your care upon Him, for he careth for you.

[4] And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Seventh Week.

WEDNESDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

[5] JESUS went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His miracles which He did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. And the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. When Jesus then lift up His eyes, and saw a great company come unto Him, He saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? (And this He said to prove him; for He Himself knew what He would do.) Philip answered Him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto Him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley-loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, He said unto His disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley-loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that Prophet that should come into the world.

FRIDAY.

Our Lord's baptism, fasting, and temptation.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[6] THEN cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptised of him. . . . . And Jesus, when He was baptised, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness, to be tempted of the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to

[1] *Isai.* xxvi. 3. [2] *Phil.* iv. 6. [3] 1 *St. Pet.* v. 7.
[4] *Phil.* iv. 7. [5] *St. John* vi. 1. [6] *St Matt.* iii. 13.

Him, he said, If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh Him up into the holy city, and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down; for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee, and in their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto Him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto Him, All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth Him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.

Eighth Week.

WEDNESDAY.

Our Lord's transfiguration.

From the Holy Gospels according to St. Matthew and St. Mark.

[1] AND after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with Him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. . . . . And when they were come to the multitude, there came to Him a certain man, kneeling down to Him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is a lunatic, and sore vexed: for ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

[2] And when He was come into the house, his disciples asked Him privately, Why could not we cast him out? And He said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

FRIDAY.

The betrayal of our Lord by Judas Iscariot.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[3] AND while Jesus yet spake, behold, a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of Man with

[1] *St. Matt.* xvii. 1. [2] *St. Mark* ix. 28. [3] *St. Luke* xxii. 47.

a kiss? When they who were about Him saw what would follow, they said unto Him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? And one of them smote the servant of the high-priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And He touched his ear, and healed him. Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders who were come to Him, Be ye come out as against a thief, with swords and staves? When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

The short chapters following may be read occasionally instead of the foregoing, at the discretion of the reader.

St. Peter's denial of Christ.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[1] THEN took they Jesus, and led Him, and brought Him into the high priest's house: and Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him, as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with Him. And he denied Him, saying, Woman, I know Him not. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after, another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with Him; for he is a Galilean. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny Me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

The awful dignity and majesty of Christ.

From the Revelation of St. John the Divine.

[2] AND I, John, saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his Head wer many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Then he says,

℣. Let us bless the Lord for His goodness.
℟. Thanks be to God who poureth His benefits upon us.
℣. O Lord, turn Thy face from our sins.
℟. And put out all our misdeeds.

[1] *St. Luke.* xxii. 54. [2] *Rev.* xix. 11.

℣. Cast us not away from Thy presence.
℟. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then all kneeling say the following Litany and Confession:

REMEMBER not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our forefathers, and take not vengeance of our sins. Spare us, O Lord, we beseech Thee. Christ have mercy upon us, and graciously vouchsafe to receive our prayers.

O God the Father, Creator of the world,
Have mercy on us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind,
Have mercy on us.
O God the Holy Ghost, Dispenser of all grace and comfort,
Have mercy on us.
O Holy Trinity, Three Persons and one God,
Have mercy on us, and spare us.

For we have sinned against Thee. As we have grown in years, we have multiplied the number of our offences, and every day Thy goodness adds to our lives, our wickedness increases the number of our transgressions;

Have mercy on us.

We have sinned against Thee in the vain thoughts and unlawful desires of our hearts, in the idle talk and perverse words of our mouth, in the wicked works and fruitless course of our lives;

Have mercy on us.

We have sinned against Thee by our ingratitude for Thy blessings, and our impatience under Thy chastisements, by preferring ourselves, and the satisfaction of our own inordinate appetites and desires, before Thee and the observance of Thy holy commandments;

Have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and according to the greatness of Thy tender compassion, pardon the multitude of our grievous offences. Remember, O Lord, whereof we are made; remember the gracious promises of Christ, and for the merits of His sacred passion and most precious death,

O Lord, deliver us.

From the evils of this present world, from the unquenchable fire of the world to come, from the evil of sin, which is the only

cause of all our misery, and from the false liberty of an undisciplined life,

O Lord, deliver us.

From pride, covetousness, and lust, from envy, gluttony, and sloth, from slander, vain-glory, and hypocrisy, from the great guilt of inducing others to sin, and from the unhappiness of being perverted ourselves,

O Lord, deliver us.

From ignorance of Thy will, and neglect of what we know to be our duty, from denying Thee before men for worldly respects, from new and factious interpretations of Thy holy word, and from proudly preferring our own private conceits before the judgment of Thy Church,*

O Lord, deliver us.

From the temptations to which by nature we are most exposed, from relapsing into the sins of which we have repented, or contracting any customary habit of vice, from provoking Thy justice by presumption, or offending Thy mercy by despair, from murmuring against the orders of Thy providence, and from an obstinate and impenitent heart,

O Lord, deliver us.

In the first motions of sin, and the repeated assault of any temptation, in the time of our trial when Thou seemest to withdraw Thy grace from us, in health and prosperity, in sickness and adversity, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

O Lord, deliver us.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord; and that it may please Thee to defend Thy Catholic Church; to bless and preserve all ecclesiastical persons therein in unity of truth and holiness of life, and to give the blessings of peace and order to all Christian people;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to bring heretics into unity of faith and doctrine, and dissolute Christians to a virtuous life; and that Thou wouldst have compassion on all the afflicted in mind, body, or estate; enable them to bear their crosses patiently, and release them from their sorrows in Thine own good time;

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* "Grant, O Lord, that in reading Thy holy word I may never prefer my private sentiments before those of the Church in the purely ancient times of Christianity."—BISHOP WILSON'S *Prayers*.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to enlarge our hearts with true charity one towards another, that we may feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the distressed, and on all occasions do good to every one according to our capacities;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to bestow on us the necessities of this life, with grace to use Thy temporal mercies, not merely for our own pleasure, but to Thy glory;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And that Thou wouldst vouchsafe us Thy grace always to remember the end of our creation, and the vanity of the world, the shortness of our lives, and the uncertainty of our death, the misery of such as die in their sins, and the unspeakable happiness of those who die at peace with Thee;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, and have mercy upon us.
O Lord, hear our prayer,
And let our cry come unto Thee.

Then all say,

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

If it be the season of Advent, Lent, or Ember-Days, here may follow the special Prayers which are to be said during those seasons (see pages 48, 49).

Then he says the following Thanksgiving Prayer:

O ALMIGHTY God, who observest all the actions, thoughts, and secret motions of our hearts, and who watchest over us with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing favours and shielding us from evil, blessed be Thy holy name: and may all creatures bless Thy goodness for the benefits we have ever received from Thee, especially during the night past; but above all for the surpassing riches of Thy mercy in creating and preserving, redeeming and sanctifying us. And Lord, we

beseech Thee, never permit us to be so base and wicked as to repay Thy bounties with ingratitude, or Thy blessings with offences and injuries; but inflame our reins and hearts with the fire of Thy holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a clean heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects following, and Prayer for a blessing.

WE pray Thee, O Lord, graciously continue to visit this house and family; drive far from it all snares of the enemy; and keep us in peace and safety through this day; for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSIST, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by Thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from Thee, and by Thee may happily be ended; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and remain with us for ever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.

℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.

℣. O God, make speed to save us.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then he says one of the following Psalms:

The blessings of godliness.

PART OF PSALM 24, v. 1.

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For He hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in His holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

PSALM 36.

MY heart sheweth me the wickedness of the ungodly: that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

For he flattereth himself in his own sight: until his abominable sin be found out.

The words of his mouth are unrighteous, and full of deceit: he hath left off to behave himself wisely, and to do good.

He imagineth mischief upon his bed, and hath set himself in no good way: neither doth he abhor any thing that is evil.

Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens: and Thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains: Thy judgments are like the great deep.

Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; How excellent is Thy mercy, O God: and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of Thy house: and Thou shalt give them drink of Thy pleasures, as out of the river.

For with Thee is the well of life: and in Thy light shall we see light.

O continue forth Thy loving-kindness unto them that know Thee: and Thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

O let not the foot of pride come against me: and let not the hand of the ungodly cast me down.

There are they fallen, all that work wickedness: they are cast down, and shall not be able to stand.

Comfort in God's word and keeping His commandments.

PART OF PSALM 119, v. 49.

O THINK upon Thy servant, as concerning Thy word: wherein Thou hast caused me to put my trust.

The same is my comfort in my trouble: for Thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me exceedingly in derision: yet have I not shrinked from Thy law.

For I remembered Thine everlasting judgments, O Lord: and received comfort.

I am horribly afraid: for the ungodly that forsake Thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs: in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have thought upon Thy name, O Lord, in the night-season: and have kept Thy law.

This I had: because I kept Thy commandments.

PART OF PSALM 119, v. 65.

O LORD, Thou hast dealt graciously with Thy servant: according unto Thy word.

O learn me true understanding and knowledge: for I have believed Thy commandments.

Before I was troubled, I went wrong: but now have I kept Thy word.

Thou art good and gracious: O teach me Thy statutes.

The proud have imagined a lie against me: but I will keep Thy commandments with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as brawn: but my delight hath been in Thy law.

It is good for me that I have been in trouble: that I may learn Thy statutes.

The law of Thy mouth is dearer unto me: than thousands of gold and silver.

Trust in God's mercy for defence against enemies.

PART OF PSALM 25, v. 1.

UNTO Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in Thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

For all they that hope in Thee shall not be ashamed: but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

Shew me Thy ways, O Lord: and teach me Thy paths.

Lead me forth in Thy truth, and learn me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; in Thee hath been my hope all the day long.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercies: and Thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to Thy mercy think Thou upon me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

Gracious and righteous is the

Lord : therefore will He teach sinners in the way.

Them that are meek shall He guide in judgment : and such as are gentle, them shall He learn His way.

PART OF PSALM 25, v. 9.

ALL the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep His covenant, and His testimonies.

For Thy name's sake, O Lord : be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.

What man is he, that feareth the Lord : him shall He teach in the way that He shall choose.

His soul shall dwell at ease : and his seed shall inherit the land.

The secret of the Lord is among them them that fear Him : and He will shew them His covenant.

Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord : for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me : for I am desolate, and in misery.

The sorrows of my heart are enlarged : O bring Thou me out of my troubles.

Look upon my adversity and misery : and forgive me all my sin.

Consider mine enemies, how many they are : and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.

O keep my soul, and deliver me : let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in Thee.

Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me : for my hope hath been in Thee.

Deliver Israel, O God : out of all his troubles.

Penitential.

PSALM 142.

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice : yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

I poured out my complaints before Him : and shewed Him of my trouble.

When my spirit was in heaviness Thou knewest my path : in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

I looked also upon my right hand : and saw there was no man that would know me.

I had no place to flee unto : and no man cared for my soul.

I cried unto Thee, O Lord, and said : Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.

Consider my complaint : for I am brought very low.

O deliver me from my persecutors : for they are too strong for me.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto Thy name : which thing if Thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company.

PSALM 143.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire : hearken unto me for Thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant : for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul ; he hath smitten my life down to the ground : he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit vexed within me : and my heart within me is desolate.

Yet do I remember the time past ; I muse upon all Thy works : yea, I exercise myself in the works of Thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto Thee : my soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint : hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

O let me hear Thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee is my trust : shew Thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies : for I flee unto Thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my God : let Thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy name's sake : and for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of Thy goodness slay mine enemies : and destroy all them that vex my soul ; for I am Thy servant.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads one of the short chapters following :

First Week.

WEDNESDAY.

Repentance not to be delayed.

The Lesson is taken from the Book of Proverbs, and of the Prophet Isaiah ; and from the Second General Epistle of St. Peter.

[1] WISDOM crieth without ; she uttereth her voice in the streets . . . . saying, How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn ye at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. Because I have called, and ye refused, I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded ; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity ; I will mock when your fear cometh. . . . . Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer ; then shall they seek me

[1] *Prov.* i. 20.

early, but they shall not find me: for they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord . . . . Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

[1] Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near: let the wicked man forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, and He will abundantly pardon.

[2] Beloved, the Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

FRIDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[3] THERE were present at that season some that told Him of the Galilæans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilæans were sinners above all the Galilæans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig-tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig-tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: and if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

Second Week.

WEDNESDAY.

Difficulty of leading a Christian life must not hinder us from attempting it.

From the Holy Gospels according to St. Matthew, Mark, and Luke; and from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews.

[4] THEN said one unto Jesus, Lord, are there few that be saved? And He said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

[5] He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me.

[6] And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched, where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

[7] For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock

[1] *Isaiah* lv. 6. [2] 2 *Pet.* iii. 9. [3] *St. Luke* xiii. 1.
[4] *St. Luke* xiii. 23. [5] *St. Matt.* x. 37. [6] *St. Mark* ix. 43.
[7] *St. Luke* xiv. 28.

him, saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

[1] Blessed Paul saith, The time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. . . . . Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they may obtain a better resurrection: and others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment. . . . . Being destitute, afflicted, tormented. (Of whom the world was not worthy.)

[2] Wherefore brethren, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

FRIDAY.

Temptation to be expected, and boldly encountered by the Christian.

From the Book of Ecclesiasticus, and from the General Epistle of St. James.

[3] MY son, if thou come to serve the Lord, prepare thy soul for temptation. Set thy heart aright, and constantly endure, and make not haste in time of trouble. Cleave unto Him, and depart not away, that thou mayest be increased at thy last end.

[4] My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.

Third Week.

WEDNESDAY.

The course of temptation, and way of resisting it.

From the General Epistle of St. James.

[5] BLESSED is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive

[1] *Heb.* xi. 32. [2] *Heb.* xii. 1. [3] *Ecclus.* ii. 1.
[4] *St. James* i. 2. [5] *St. James* i. 1

with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

FRIDAY.

Watchfulness.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

1 AT that time Jesus said, And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh. And He spake to them a parable; Behold the fig-tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Fourth Week.

WEDNESDAY.

Same subject continued.

From the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, and from the First General Epistle of St. Peter.

2 BUT of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

3 Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith.

FRIDAY.

Against over-carefulness for worldly things.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

4 AT that time Jesus said, Lay not up for yourselves treasures

[1] *St. Luke* xxi. 25. [2] 1 *Thess.* v. 1. [3] *St. Pet.* v. 8.
[4] *St. Matt.* vi. 19.

upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. . . . . No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Fifth Week.

WEDNESDAY.

Submission to Church authority.

From the Book of Proverbs; from St. Paul's Epistles to the Romans and Hebrews; from the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians; and from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[1] PUT away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

[2] Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

[3] Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

[4] Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word or our epistle.

[5] Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account.

[6] Jesus saith to His disciples, If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not

[1] *Prov.* iv. 24. [2] *Rom.* xvi. 17. [3] 2 *Thess.* iii. 6.
[4] 2 *Thess.* ii. 15. [5] *Heb.* xiii. 17. [6] *St. Matt.* xviii. 15.

hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven.

FRIDAY.

Submission to temporal authority.

From the First General Epistle of St. Peter.

[1]DEARLY beloved, submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: who, when He was reviled, reviled not again: when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously: who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Sixth Week.

WEDNESDAY.

The privilege and blessing of obedience.

From the Holy Gospels according to St. Matthew and St. John.

[2]WHILE Jesus yet talked to the people, behold, His mother and His brethren stood without, desiring to speak with Him. Then one said unto Him, Behold, Thy mother and Thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with Thee. But He answered and said unto him that told Him, Who is My mother? and who are My brethren? And He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples, and said, Behold My mother and My brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven, the same is My brother, and sister, and mother.

[3] Jesus said at another time, If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God.

[4] Again Jesus said to His disciples, If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's

[1] 1 *St. Pet.* ii. 13.
[2] *St. Matt.* xii. 46.
[3] *St. John* vii. 17.
[4] *St. John* xv. 10.

commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

FRIDAY.

Brotherly love.

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

[1]BRETHREN, let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Seventh Week.

WEDNESDAY.

Constraining reasons for following a holy life.

From St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

[2]BRETHREN, be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

FRIDAY.

Same subject continued.

From St. Paul's First Epistles to the Thessalonians and Corinthians.

[3]WE beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from forni-

[1] *Rom.* xii. 9. [2] 2 *Cor.* vi. 14. [3] 1 *Thess.* iv. 1.

cation: that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the lust of concupiscence,... for God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us His holy Spirit.

[1] What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Eighth Week.

WEDNESDAY.

Same subject continued.

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians.

[2] BRETHREN, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

FRIDAY.

The history of our Lord's last sufferings and crucifixion.

From the Holy Gospels according St. Matthew, Luke, and John.

[3] PILATE therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews: and they smote Him with their hands.

[4] And after that they had mocked Him they took the robe off from Him, and put His own raiment on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.

[5] And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him; and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And they parted His raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood beholding; and the rulers also with them derided Him, saying, He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him, and offering Him vinegar, and saying, If Thou be the King of the Jews, save Thyself. And a superscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. And one of the malefactors, which were hanged, railed on Him, saying, If Thou be Christ, save Thyself, and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds, but this man

[1] 1 *Cor.* vi. 19. [2] *Gal.* v. 16. [3] *St. John* xix. 1.
[4] *St. Mat.* xxvii. 31. [5] *St. Luke* xxiii. 33.

hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with Me in paradise. And it was about the sixth hour: and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

[1] And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, *Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?* that is to say, My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?

[2] And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit; And having said thus, He gave up the ghost. Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

The short chapters following may be read occasionally, instead of the foregoing, at the discretion of the reader.

Same subject continued.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

[3] THEN the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also His coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted My raiment among them, and for My vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He saith unto His mother, Woman, behold thy son. Then saith He to the disciple, Behold thy mother. And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a spunge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed His head, and gave up the ghost.

The awful dignity and majesty of Christ.

From the Revelation of St. John.

[4] UNTO Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. . . . . I John was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. . . . And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man,

[1] *St. Matt.* xxvii. 46.
[2] *St. Luke* xxiii. 46, and *St. Matt.* xxvii. 54.
[3] *St. John* xix. 23.
[4] *Rev.* i. 5.

clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; and His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters. And He had in his right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in His strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last. I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Then he says,

℣. Let us bless the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.
℣. Make us a clean heart, O God;
℟. And renew a right spirit within us.
℣. O give us the comfort of Thy help again,
℟. And stablish us with Thy free Spirit.

Then all kneeling, say the following Litany and Confession:

REMEMBER not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our forefathers, and take not vengeance of our sins. Spare us, O Lord, we beseech Thee. Christ have mercy on us, and graciously vouchsafe to receive our prayers.

O God the Father, Creator of the world,
Have mercy on us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind,
Have mercy on us.
O God the Holy Ghost, Dispenser of all grace and comfort,
Have mercy on us.
O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God,
Have mercy on us, and spare us.

For we have sinned against Thee. We have sinned against Thee, in not doing to others as we would they should do unto us, and against our own souls in pursuing more eagerly the things of this life than those which belong to our eternal happiness;

Have mercy on us.

We have sinned against Thee in delaying our repentance, and breaking the solemn promise of amending our lives; in exposing ourselves to the danger of temptation, and often omitting the opportunities of serving Thee; while even our best endeavours are full of imperfections;

Have mercy on us.

We have sinned in not profiting by the talents of grace and nature which Thy bounty has committed to us for our improvement, in idly spending that precious time, and unthankfully neglecting those gracious means which Thy goodness allows us for the work of our salvation;

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, most merciful Father, and according to the greatness of Thy tender compassion, pardon the multitude of our grievous offences. Remember, O Lord, whereof we are made; remember the gracious promises of Christ; and for the merits of His sacred passion and most precious death,

O Lord, deliver us.

From all sin, and the danger most justly threatening our sins, from the spirit of pride, profaneness, and hypocrisy,

O Lord, deliver us.

From uncleanness, gluttony, and covetousness, from ill-temper, envy, and rash judgment, from spiritual sloth, and forgetfulness of our salvation,

O Lord, deliver us.

From being deprived for ever of the sight and enjoyment of Thee; from the worm that never dieth, and the fire that never shall be quenched,

O Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, and that Thou wouldst vouchsafe us the grace of knowing ourselves; that remembering we are but dust, and subject to a thousand infirmities and temptations, we may humble our proud thoughts, and sincerely acknowledge our own unworthiness; yet being created after Thine own image, and capable of eternal happiness, we may aspire to heaven, and value our souls above all the transitory enjoyments of earth;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe us the grace frequently to scan and see clearly the state of our consciences, humbly to confess, and earnestly to repent of our sins, and diligently to practise all such virtues as may best conduce to the cure of our infirmities;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe us the grace to keep a strict watch over our own senses, lest they entice our hearts to sin: to remember continually that Thou art present wherever

we are, especially in prayer, and to offer up the same with a reverent gesture of our bodies, and the devout attention of our minds;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That we may love Thee the Lord our God, with all our heart, soul, and mind; and serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That we may never profane Thy sacred name by oaths or curses, and remember to keep holy the days consecrated to Thy service;

That we may give due honour to our parents and lawful superiors, and be careful not to injure our neighbour in body, soul, or peace of mind;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That we may crucify the flesh, with its vices and lusts, and be ever clean of heart;

And that Thou wouldst make Thy grace to abound in us; that presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to Thee, we may at length be brought to the kingdom which Thou hast prepared for us from the beginning of the world;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lord, graciously hear us, and have mercy upon us.

Then all say,

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

If it be the season of Advent, Lent, or Ember-Days, here may follow the special Prayers which are to be said during those seasons. (See pages 73, 74.)

Then he says the following Thanksgiving Prayer:

O ALMIGHTY God, who observest all the actions, thoughts, and secret motions of our hearts, and who watchest over us with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing favours and shielding us from evil, blessed be Thy holy name: and ma-

all creatures bless Thy goodness, for benefits we have ever received from Thee, especially this day; but, above all, for the surpassing riches of Thy mercy, in creating and preserving, redeeming and sanctifying us. And, Lord, we beseech Thee, never permit us to be so base and wicked as to repay Thy bounties with ingratitude, or Thy blessings with offences and injuries: but inflame our reins and hearts with the fire of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a clean heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects following, and Prayer for a blessing.

WE pray Thee, O Lord, graciously continue to visit this habitation; drive far from it all snares of the enemy; and give us a quiet night and a perfect end; for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

ASSIST, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by Thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from Thee, and by Thee may happily be ended; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY the almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. Amen.

Family Prayers

FOR

THE GREAT FESTIVALS,

AND OTHER

HOLY DAYS.

"BY FESTIVAL SOLEMNITIES AND SET DAYS WE DEDICATE AND SANCTIFY TO GOD THE MEMORY OF HIS BENEFITS, LEST UNTHANKFUL FORGETFULNESS THEREOF SHOULD CREEP UPON US IN COURSE OF TIME."

ST. AUGUSTINE *De Civit. Dei*, lib. xvi. cap. 4.

"WELL TO CELEBRATE THESE RELIGIOUS AND SACRED DAYS, IS TO SPEND THE FLOWER OF OUR TIME HAPPILY. THEY ARE THE SPLENDOUR AND OUTWARD DIGNITY OF OUR RELIGION — FORCIBLE WITNESSES OF ANCIENT TRUTH—PROVOCATIONS TO THE EXERCISES OF ALL PIETY —SHADOWS OF OUR ENDLESS FELICITY IN HEAVEN—ON EARTH EVERLASTING RECORDS AND MEMORIALS."

HOOKER'S *Eccles. Pol.* lib. v. 71.

The Great Festivals.

CHRISTMAS-DAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following hymn of praise:

Jesus Christ, the Mighty God, was born for us to-day—let us give praise unto Him and say:

℣. Glory to God in the highest,
℟. And peace on earth, goodwill towards men.
℣. Blessed Jesus, true God and Man, born in the form of a helpless Infant,
℟. Praise and glory be to Thee for ever.
℣. Blessed Jesus, who, with heaven for Thy throne, didst yet choose a stable for Thy abode,
℟. Praise and glory be to Thee for ever.
℣. Blessed Jesus, who being God incomprehensible, was yet pleased in love to us to be wrapped in swaddling-clothes and laid in a manger,
℟. Praise and glory be to Thee for ever.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the Benedictus, or Song of Zacharias:

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel : for He hath visited and redeemed His people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of His servant David;

As He spake by the mouth of His holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember His holy covenant;

To perform the oath which He sware to our forefather Abraham : that He would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve Him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before Him : all the days of our life.

And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people : for the remission of their sins.

Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (or Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

The Lesson is taken from St. Paul's Epistle to Titus.

[1]BRETHREN, the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Then he says,

℣. Greatly to be praised and glorious art Thou, O Christ.
℟. For Thou camest to redeem us, O Thou God of Truth.
℣. But do Thou continue to protect and bless us.
℟. And mercifully cleanse us from our sins.

[1] *Tit.* ii. 11.

Then all kneeling, say the Confession and Litany following:

O ETERNAL God, Father Almighty, graciously vouchsafe to hear the prayers of Thy servants, who confess and bewail the innumerable sins we have most grievously committed against Thee, by thought, word, and deed; and grant, that as in compassion to lost mankind Thou didst send Thy only Son to become his Redeemer from that unhappy state; so we who are here assembled to acknowledge the mercy of this time, may find the benefit of it to our souls in the pardon of all our sins and deliverance from all evil; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy on us.

O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God,
Have mercy on us.

From the spirit of unbelief, from all abuse of this joyful day and those places which are sacred to Thee—from whatever is an offence to Thee, or a scandal to the weak,

O Lord, deliver us.

From contempt of Thy worship, and all kinds of irreverence in Thy holy presence; from sloth, coldness, and levity in time of prayer, from the neglect of prayer and of Thy sacred word,

O Lord, deliver us.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord, and mercifully vouchsafe us Thy assistance, that we may celebrate this great and joyful day, with thankful, fearing, and rejoicing hearts;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that as Thou hast given us Thy only-begotten Son, to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin, so we, being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit, and walk obediently in the way of Thy commandments;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that as Thy blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life, so we having this hope, may purify ourselves, even as He is pure, that when He shall appear again in power and great glory, we may be made like Him in His glorious kingdom;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And grant that as Thou hast knit together the differing Gentile nations by the confession of Christ's name, so all they who are born again in the baptismal font may be one both in the belief of their minds and in the piety of their actions, through Christ our Lord;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour, hear the prayers of Thy servants, and have mercy upon us; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then all say,

OUR Father, &c.

Here may be said the Prayer which is to be used when there is Holy Communion. See Sunday Morning Prayers (page 11).

Then if Christmas-Day falls on a week-day, he says the usual Week-Day Thanksgiving Prayer, as follows:

O ALMIGHTY God, who observest all the actions, thoughts, and secret motions of our hearts, and who watchest over us with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing favours and shielding us from evil, blessed be Thy holy name: and may all creatures bless Thy goodness for the benefits we have ever receved froim Thee, especially during the night past; but above all for the surpassing riches of Thy mercy, in creating and preserving, redeeming and sanctifying us. And Lord, we beseech Thee, never permit us to be so base and wicked as to repay Thy bounties with ingratitude, or Thy blessings with offences and injuries; but inflame our reins and hearts with the fire of Thy holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a clean heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

But if Christmas-Day fall on a Sunday, he says the usual Sunday Morning Thanksgiving Prayer, as follows:

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who at the beginning of the world didst bless and sanctify the Sabbath-day, in memory of Thy finishing the glorious work of the creation, and

who in the new law didst teach the apostles to transfer the duty of it to the Lord's day, in honour of Thy finishing the more glorious work of the redemption and sanctification thereon, by the resurrection of Thy divine Son, and the descent of the Holy Ghost—behold, we Thy servants are here on this day assembled to bless and praise Thee for these incomprehensible blessings, and for every other favour Thou hast bestowed upon us, especially for the protection Thou hast afforded us during the week past. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may sanctify this day, by devoting it entirely to Thy love and service; and that whatever portion of time Thou hast decreed for each of us to live may be dedicated to the glory of Thy name, and employed in faithfully serving Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects and Prayer for a blessing, as in Sunday or Week-Day Morning Prayers (see pages 12, 50, 90).

CHRISTMAS-DAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following hymn of praise:

Jesus Christ, the mighty God, was born for us to-day—let us give praise unto Him, and say:

℣. Glory to God in the highest,
℟ And peace on earth, goodwill towards men.
℣. Blessed Jesus, true God and man, born in the form of a helpless infant,
℟. Praise and glory be to Thee for ever.
℣. Blessed Jesus, who, with heaven for Thy throne, didst yet choose a stable for Thy abode,
℟. Praise and glory be to Thee for ever.
℣. Blessed Jesus, who, being God incomprehensible, was yet pleased, in love to us, to be wrapped in swaddling-clothes and laid in a manger:
℟. Praise and glory be to Thee for ever.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 85.

LORD, Thou art become gracious unto Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of

Thy people : and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all Thy displeasure : and turned Thyself from Thy wrathful indignation.

Turn us then, O God our Saviour : and let Thine anger cease from us.

Wilt Thou be displeased at us for ever : and wilt Thou stretch out Thy wrath from one generation to another ?

Wilt Thou not turn again, and quicken us : that Thy people may rejoice in Thee ?

Shew us Thy mercy, O Lord : and grant us Thy salvation.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me : for He shall speak peace unto His people, and to His saints, that they turn not again.

For His salvation is nigh them that fear Him : that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together : righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth : and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness : and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before Him : and He shall direct His going in the way.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following :

From the First General Epistle of St. John.

[1] HE that loveth not knoweth not God ; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

Then he says,

℣. Greatly to be praised and glorious art Thou, O Christ.
℟. For Thou camest to redeem us, O Thou God of truth.
℣. But do Thou continue to protect and bless us ;
℟. And mercifully cleanse us from our sins.

[1] 1 *St. John* iv. 8.

Then all kneeling, say the Confession and Litany following:

O ETERNAL God, Father Almighty, graciously vouchsafe to hear the prayers of Thy servants, who confess and bewail the innumerable sins we have most grievously committed against Thee, by thought, word, and deed; and grant, that as in compassion to lost mankind Thou didst send Thy only Son to become his Redeemer from that unhappy state, so we who are here assembled to acknowledge the mercy of this time, may find the benefit of it to our souls in the pardon of all our sins, and deliverance from all evil; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy on us.
O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God,
Have mercy on us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, and grant that as we have heard this day in Thy house of prayer what our duty is, we may by Thy grace and help be enabled to accomplish it;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that as Thou hast given us Thy only-begotten Son, to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; so we, being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit, and walk obediently in the way of Thy commandments;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that as Thy blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; so we, having this hope, may purify ourselves, even as He is pure, that when He shall appear again in power and great glory, we may be made like Him in His glorious kingdom;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And grant that as Thou hast knit together the differing Gentile nations by the confession of Christ's name, so all they who are born again in the baptismal font, may be one both in the belief of their minds and in the piety of their actions; through Christ our Lord;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour, hear the prayers of Thy

servants, and have mercy upon us, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then all say,

OUR Father, &c.

Here may be said the Prayer which is to be used when there has been Holy Communion. See Sunday Evening Prayers (page 22).

Then if Christmas-Day falls on a week-day, he says the usual Week-Day Thanksgiving Prayer, as follows:

O ALMIGHTY God, who observest all the actions, thoughts, and secret motions of our hearts, and who watchest over us with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing favours and shielding us from evil, blessed be Thy holy name: and may all creatures bless Thy goodness for the benefits we have ever received from Thee, especially this day; but, above all, for the surpassing riches of Thy mercy, in creating and preserving, redeeming and sanctifying us. And, Lord, we beseech Thee, never permit us to be so base and wicked as to repay Thy bounties with ingratitude, or Thy blessings with offences and injuries: but inflame our reins and hearts with the fire of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a clean heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

But if Christmas-Day falls on a Sunday, he says the usual Sunday Evening Thanksgiving Prayer, as follows:

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast appointed us six days in which we may labour and do all our work, and hast consecrated the seventh to Thyself, mercifully forgive the sins, the coldness, and neglect in worshipping Thee of which we have been guilty, and give us grace to avoid them for the future. Make us sensible, O Lord, of the daily blessings we receive from Thy bounty, especially the blessing of this happy day; that as we know Thee by faith, we may love Thee by charity; and fixing all our hopes on the happiness of a future life, we may patiently suffer in submission to Thy holy will what Thou now permittest, and come at length to the joy

Thy heavenly kingdom; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects and Prayer for a blessing, as in Sunday or Week-Day Evening Prayers (see pages 23, 74, 106).

EASTER-DAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following hymn of praise:

℣. Christ, the Lord, is risen indeed,
℟. And hath appeared unto Simon. Alleluia.
℣. This is the day which the Lord hath made;
℟. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.
℣. The Lord is risen from the tomb,
℟. Who for our sakes hung upon the cross. Alleluia.
℣. O come, let us rejoice in God our Saviour,
℟. Because He hath redeemed His people, and is risen triumphant over the powers of hell. Alleluia.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 111.

I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart: secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised, and had in honour: and His righteousness endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done His marvellous works: that they ought to be had in remembrance.

He hath given meat unto them that fear Him: He shall ever be mindful of His covenant.

He hath shewed His people the power of His works: that He may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of His hands are ve

rity and judgment : all His commandments are true.

They stand fast for ever and ever : and are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption unto His people : He hath commanded His covenant for ever ; holy and reverend is His name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom : a good understanding have all they that do thereafter ; the praise of it endureth for ever.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following :

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[1] AND Jesus said unto His disciples, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me. Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day : and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.

Then he says :

℣. Let us bless and praise the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

℣. O Lord, keep us this day without sin ;

℟. And evermore mightily defend us.

Then all kneeling, say the Confession and Litany following :

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, graciously vouchsafe to hear the prayers of Thy servants, who confess and bewail the innumerable offences which we have most grievously committed against Thee, by thought, word, and deed ; and as by Thy only Son Thou hast opened unto us the gate of eternal life, through His victory over sin and death, we beseech Thee to forgive us our sins, and so to confirm us by Thy grace, that

[1] *St. Luke* xxiv. 44.

we may walk like those who have been redeemed from sin; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy on us.
O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God,
Have mercy on us.

From all evil, from all sin, from the spirit of unbelief, from all abuse of this glorious day, and of those places which are sacred to Thee, from whatever is an offence to Thee or a scandal to the weak,

O Lord, deliver us.

From contempt of Thy worship, and all kinds of irreverence in Thy holy presence, from sloth, coldness, and levity in time of prayer, from the neglect of prayer and of Thy sacred word,

O Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, and grant that we may celebrate this joyful day, which brought us salvation, with thankful, fearing, and rejoicing hearts;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that we may this day rise to a new life; that we may deny our wills, rule our tongues, soften our tempers, mortify our lusts, and learn patience, meekness, purity, forgiveness of injuries, and continuance in well-doing;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that we may this day join with the blessed above, in praising, adoring, and praying to Thee; and prepare our souls to celebrate with Thee an eternal Easter;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And grant that as Thou hast knit together the differing Gentile nations by the confession of Christ's name, so all they who are born again in the baptismal font may be one, both in the belief of their minds and in the piety of their actions; through Christ our Lord;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Conqueror of sin and death, hear the prayers of Thy servants, and have mercy upon us; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then all say,

OUR Father, &c.

Here may be said the Prayer which is to be used when there is Holy Communion (see *Sunday Morning Prayers*, page 11). *And if Easter-Day should happen to fall on the Feast of the Annunciation of the B. V. M., or of St. Mark the Evangelist, he here says the particular Collects for either of those festivals* (see *Saints' Day Morning Prayers*).

Then he says the usual Sunday Morning Thanksgiving Prayer, as follows:

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who at the beginning of the world didst bless and sanctify the Sabbath-day, in memory of Thy finishing the glorious work of the creation, and who in the new law didst teach the apostles to transfer the duty of it to the Lord's day, in honour of Thy finishing the more glorious work of the redemption and sanctification thereon, by the resurrection of Thy divine Son, and the descent of the Holy Ghost—behold, we Thy servants are here on this day assembled to bless and praise Thee for these incomprehensible blessings, and for every other favour Thou hast bestowed upon us, especially for the protection Thou hast afforded us during the week past. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may sanctify this day, by devoting it entirely to Thy love and service; and that whatever portion of time Thou hast decreed for each of us to live may be dedicated to the glory of Thy name, and employed in faithfully serving Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Then he says the two Collects and Prayer for a blessing, as in Sunday or Week-Day Morning Prayers (see pages 12, 50, 90).

EASTER-DAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following hymn of praise:

℣. Christ the Lord is risen indeed,
℟. And hath appeared unto Simon. Alleluia.
℣. This is the day which the Lord hath made;
℟. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.
℣. The Lord is risen from the tomb,
℟. Who for our sakes hung upon the cross. Alleluia.
℣. O come, let us rejoice in God our Saviour.
℟. Because He hath redeemed His people, and is risen triumphant over the powers of hell. Alleluia.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 3.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me: many are they that rise against me.

Many one there be that say of my soul: There is no help for him in his God.

But Thou, O Lord, art my defender: Thou art my worship and the lifter up of my head.

I did call upon the Lord with my voice: and He heard me out of His holy hill.

I laid me down and slept, and rose up again: for the Lord sustained me.

I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people: that have set themselves against me round about.

Up, Lord, and help me, O my God: for Thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; Thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: and Thy blessing is upon Thy people.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the First General Epistle of St. Peter.

[1]BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. . . . . Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Then he says,

℣. Let us bless and praise the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

℣. O Lord, keep us this night without sin;

℟. And evermore mightily defend us.

Then all kneeling, say the Confession and Litany following:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, graciously vouchsafe to hear the prayers of Thy servants, who confess and bewail the innumerable offences which we have most grievously committed against Thee by thought, words, and deed; and as by Thy only Son Thou hast opened unto us the gate of eternal life, through His victory over sin and death; we beseech Thee to forgive us our sins, and so to confirm us by Thy grace, that we may walk like those who have been redeemed from sin; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy on us.
O Holy Trinity, three persons and one God,
Have mercy on us.
We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, and grant that

[1] 1 *St. Pet.* i. 3.

as we have heard this day in Thy house of prayer what our duty is, we may by Thy grace and help be enabled to accomplish it;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That we may not be conformed to this world, but that, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we may live soberly, justly, and piously;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That, setting our affections on things above, we may crucify the flesh with its vices and lusts, and be ever clean of heart;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That we being dead unto sin, may live unto righteousness, and arising with Thee our Redeemer, may die no more;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And grant that as Thou hast knit together the differing Gentile nations by the confession of Christ's name, so all they who are born again in the baptismal font may be one, both in the belief of their minds and in the piety of their actions; through Christ our Lord.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Conqueror of sin and death, hear the prayers of Thy servants; and have mercy upon us; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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OUR Father, &c.

Here may be said the Prayer which is to be used when there has been Holy Communion (see *Sunday Evening Prayers*, page 22); *and if Easter-Day should happen to fall on the Feast of the Annunciation of the B. V. M., or of St. Mark the Evangelist, he here says the particular Collects for either of those festivals* (see *Saints' Day Morning Prayers*).

Then he says the following Thanksgiving Prayer:

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who on this day hast done Thy greatest work, in raising Thy divine Son from the dead, we pray Thee mercifully forgive the sins, the coldness, and neglect in worshipping Thee of which we have been guilty; and give us grace to avoid them for the future. Make us sensible, O God, of the daily blessings we receive from Thy

bounty, especially the blessing of this great and glorious day, and as by the annual solemnity of the Lord's resurrection, Thou dost inspire us with joy, mercifully grant that by the festivals which we celebrate in time, we may be made worthy to attain to eternal bliss; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects and Prayer for a blessing, as in Sunday or Week-Day Evening Prayers (see pages 23, 74, 106).

EASTER-MONDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 57.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in Thee : and under the shadow of Thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be overpast.

I will call unto the Most High God: even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.

He shall send from heaven: and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

God shall send forth His mercy and truth: my soul is among lions.

And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire: whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

Set up Thyself, O God, above the heavens: and Thy glory above all the earth.

They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my soul: they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it themselves.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing, and give praise.

Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp: I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing unto Thee among the nations.

For the greatness of Thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens: and Thy truth unto the clouds.

Set up Thyself, O God, above the heavens: and Thy glory above all the earth.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection.

Then he reads the short chapter following :

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians.

[1] WHEREFORE I, Paul, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the Head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.

Then he says,

℣. Let us bless and praise the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

℣. O Lord, keep us this day without sin;

℟. And evermore mightily defend us.

Then all kneeling, say the following Confession :

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, graciously vouchsafe to hear the prayers of Thy servants, who confess and bewail the innumerable offences which we have most grievously committed against Thee by thought, word, and deed; and as by Thy only Son Thou hast opened unto us the gate of eternal life, through His victory over sin and death; we beseech Thee to forgive us our sins, and so to confirm us by Thy grace, that we may walk like those who have been redeemed from sin; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then continue with the usual Monday Morning Litany, beginning "O God, the Father of heaven," *&c.* (page 47), *to the end of the Monday Morning Prayers.*

[1] *Ephes.* i. 15.

EASTER-MONDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PART OF PSALM 118, v. 14.

THE Lord is my strength, and my song : and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous : the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence : the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live : and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened and corrected me : but He hath not given me over unto death.

Open me the gates of righteousness : that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord : the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank Thee, for Thou hast heard me : and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused : is become the headstone in the corner.

This is the Lord's doing : and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made : we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Help me now, O Lord : O Lord, send us now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord : we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord who hath shewed us light : bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee : Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious : and His mercy endureth for ever.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following :

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians.

[1]BRETHREN, God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Then he says,

℣. Let us bless and praise the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

℣. O Lord, keep us this night without sin.

℟. And evermore mightily defend us.

Then all kneeling, say the following Confession:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, graciously vouchsafe to hear the prayers of Thy servants, who confess and bewail the innumerable offences which we have most grievously committed against Thee, by thought, word, and deed; and as by Thy only Son Thou hast opened unto us the gate of eternal life, through His victory over sin and death, we beseech Thee to forgive us our sins, and so to confirm us by Thy grace, that we may walk like those who have been redeemed from sin; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then continue with the usual Monday Evening Litany, beginning, "O God, the Father of heaven" (page 72), *to the end of the Monday Evening Prayers.*

[1] *Ephes.* ii. 4.

EASTER-TUESDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

Psalm 2.

WHY do the heathen so furiously rage together : and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together : against the Lord, and against His Anointed.

Let us break their bonds asunder : and cast away their cords from us.

He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn : the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath : and vex them in His sore displeasure.

Yet have I set up my king : upon my holy hill of Sion.

I will preach the law, whereof the Lord hath said unto me : Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee.

Desire of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance : and the utmost parts of the earth for Thy possession.

Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron : and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings : be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.

Serve the Lord in fear : and rejoice unto Him with reverence.

Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and so ye perish from the right way : if His wrath be kindled, (yea, but a little,) blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians.

[1]BRETHREN, in Christ dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power: in whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ. Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead.

Then he says,

℣. Let us bless and praise the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

℣. O Lord, keep us this day without sin;

℟. And evermore mightily defend us.

Then all kneeling, say the following Confession:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, graciously vouchsafe to hear the prayers of Thy servants, who confess and bewail the innumerable offences which we have most grievously committed against Thee, by thought, word, and deed; and as by Thy only Son Thou hast opened unto us the gate of eternal life, through His victory over sin and death, we beseech Thee to forgive us our sins, and so to confirm us by Thy grace, that we may walk like those who have been redeemed from sin; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then continue with the usual Tuesday Morning Litany, beginning, "O God, the Father of heaven" (page 47), *to the end of the Tuesday Morning Prayers.*

[1] *Colos.* ii. 9.

EASTER-TUESDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 114.

WHEN Israel came out of Egypt: and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,

Judah was His sanctuary: and Israel His dominion.

The sea saw that, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams: and the little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest: and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams: and ye little hills, like young sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the God of Jacob;

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water: and the flint-stone into a springing well.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the First General Epistle of St. Peter.

[1]BRETHREN, Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: by which also He went and

[1] 1 *St. Pet.* iii. 18.

preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto Him.

Then he says,

℣. Let us bless and praise the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

℣. O Lord, keep us this night without sin;

℟. And evermore mightily defend us.

Then all kneeling, say the following Confession:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, graciously vouchsafe to hear the prayers of Thy servants, who confess and bewail the innumerable offences which we have most grievously committed against Thee, by thought, word, and deed; and as by Thy only Son Thou hast opened unto us the gate of eternal life, through His victory over sin and death, we beseech Thee to forgive us our sins, and so to confirm us by Thy grace, that we may walk like those who have been redeemed from sin; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then continue with the usual Tuesday Evening Litany, beginning, "O God, the Father of heaven" (page 72), *to the end of the Tuesday Evening Prayers.*

ASCENSION-DAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 47.

O CLAP your hands together, all ye people : O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

For the Lord is high, and to be feared : He is the great King upon all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose out an heritage for us : even the worship of Jacob, whom He loved.

God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God : O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon His holy seat.

The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham : for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he says the short chapter following:

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[1] AND Jesus said unto His disciples, Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Then he says,

℣. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.

℟. Thou art greatly to be praised and highly exalted for ever.

℣. Our help standeth in the name of the Lord.

℟. Who made heaven and earth.

℣. Send us help, we pray Thee, from Thy holy place.

℟. And mercifully keep us this day without sin.

Then all kneeling, say the Confession and Litany following:

O LORD Almighty, look, we beseech Thee, with compassion upon us miserable sinners who confess, with shame and sorrow, the innumerable sins which we have most grievously committed against Thee by thought, word, and deed; and as Thy blessed Son Jesus Christ didst this day ascend into heaven to prepare a place for us, give us, we beseech Thee, humble contrite hearts, that we also in spirit may rise with Him, and be made meet at length to reign with Him in glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy on us.
O Holy Trinity, three persons and one God,
Have mercy on us.

From all evil, from all sin, from the spirit of unbelief, from all abuse of this holy day and of those places which are sacred to Thee, from whatever is an offence to Thee or a scandal to the weak,
O Lord deliver us.

From contempt of Thy worship, and all kinds of irreverence in Thy holy presence, from sloth, coldness, and levity in time of prayer, from neglect of prayer and of Thy sacred word,
O Lord, deliver us.

[1] *St. Luke* xxiv. 49.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord, and grant that we who believe that Thy only Son our Redeemer ascended to heaven, may celebrate this holy day with joy, and bless and praise Thee for it;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that as Thy only Son Jesus Christ didst leave this world, and ascended to heaven when thirty-three years old, so we may dedicate the prime of our life to Thee; despise this world when we are best able to enjoy it, and reserve our full vigour for heaven and Thy love;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that our hearts, having ascended to heaven with Christ, may never return to earth again, but may abide with Him for ever; that our hearts being united to Christ, we may be bold to confess Him before men, and be ever ready to part with any thing however dear to us, if it interferes with the love of Him;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee, denying our wills, ruling our tongues, softening our tempers, mortifying our lusts, and learn patience, meekness, purity, forgiveness of injuries, and continuance in well-doing;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And grant that as Thou hast knit together the differing Gentile nations by the confession of Thy name; so all they who are born again in the baptismal font, may be one both in the belief of their minds and in the piety of their actions; through Christ our Lord;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, hear the prayers of Thy servants, and have mercy upon us, who sittest on the right-hand of God in the glory of the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Then all say,

OUR Father, &c.

Here may be said the Prayer which is to be used when there is Holy Communion (see *Sunday Morning Prayer*, page 11); *and if Ascension-Day happens to fall on the Feast of St. Philip and St. James, he here says the special Collect for that festival* (see *Saint's-Day Morning Prayers*).

Then he says the usual Week-Day Thanksgiving Prayer, as follows:

O ALMIGHTY God, who observest all the actions, thoughts, and secret motions of our hearts, and who watchest over us with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing favours and shielding us from evil, blessed be Thy holy name: and may all creatures bless Thy goodness for the benefits we have ever received from Thee, especially during the night past; but, above all, for the surpassing riches of Thy mercy, in creating and preserving, redeeming and sanctifying us. And, Lord, we beseech Thee, never permit us to be so base and wicked as to repay Thy bounties with ingratitude, or Thy blessings with offences and injuries; but inflame our reins and hearts with the fire of Thy holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a clean heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects and Prayer for a blessing, as in Sunday or Week-Day Morning Prayers (see pages 12, 50, 90).

ASCENSION-DAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 93.

THE Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on His apparel, and girded Himself with strength.

He hath made the round world so sure: that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began hath Thy seat been prepared: Thou art from everlasting.

The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice: the floods lift up their waves.

The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly: but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure: holiness becometh Thine house for ever.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From St. Paul's First Epistle to Timothy; and from St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians.

[1]WITHOUT controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

[1] 1 *Tim.* iii. 16.

[1] Brethren, if ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth.

Then he says,

℣. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.

℟. Thou art greatly to be praised, and highly exalted for ever.

℣. Our help standeth in the name of the Lord.

℟. Who made heaven and earth.

℣. Send us help, we pray Thee, from Thy holy place.

℟. And mercifully keep us this night without sin.

Then all kneeling, say the Confession and Litany following:

O LORD Almighty, look, we beseech Thee, with compassion upon us miserable sinners who confess, with shame and sorrow, the innumerable sins which we have most grievously committed against Thee by thought, word, and deed; and as Thy blessed Son Jesus Christ didst this day ascend into heaven to prepare a place for us, give us, we beseech Thee, humble contrite hearts, that we also in spirit may rise with Him, and be made meet at length to reign with Him in glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy on us.
O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God,
Have mercy on us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, and grant that as we have heard this day in Thy house of prayer what our duty is, we may, by Thy grace and help, be enabled to accomplish it;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that as Thy only Son Jesus Christ didst leave this world, and ascended to heaven when thirty-three years old, so we may dedicate the prime of our life to Thee; despise this world when we are best able to enjoy it, and reserve our full vigour for heaven and Thy love;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

[1] *Colos.* iii. 1.

Grant that our hearts, having ascended to heaven with Christ, may never return to earth again, but may abide with Him for ever. That our hearts being united to Christ, we may be bold to confess Him before men, and be ever ready to part with any thing however dear to us, if it interferes with the love of Him;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee, denying our wills, ruling our tongues, softening our tempers, mortifying our lusts, and learn patience, meekness, purity, forgiveness of injuries, and continuance in well-doing;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And grant that as Thou hast knit together the differing Gentile nations by the confession of Thy name; so all they who are born again in the baptismal font may be one both in the belief of their minds and in the piety of their actions; through Christ our Lord.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, hear the prayers of Thy servants, and have mercy upon us, who sittest on the right hand of God in the glory of the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Then all say,

OUR Father, &c.

Here may be said the Prayer which is to be used when there has been Holy Communion (see *Sunday Evening Prayers*, page 22); *and if Ascension-Day happens to fall on the Feast of St. Philip and St. James, he here says the special Collect for that festival* (see *Saint's-Day Morning Prayers*).

Then he says the usual Week-Day Thanksgiving Prayer, as follows:

O ALMIGHTY God, who observest all the actions, thoughts, and secret motions of our hearts, and who watchest over us with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing favours and shielding us from evil, blessed be Thy holy name: and may all creatures bless Thy goodness for the benefits we have ever received from Thee, especially this day; but, above all, for the surpassing riches of Thy mercy, in creating and preserving, re-

deeming and sanctifying us. And, Lord, we beseech Thee, never permit us to be so base and wicked as to repay Thy bounties with ingratitude, or Thy blessings with offences and injuries: but inflame our reins and hearts with the fire of Thy holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a clean heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects and Prayer for a blessing, as n Sunday or Week-Day Evening Prayers (see pages 23, 74, 106).

WHIT-SUNDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 48.

GREAT is the Lord, and highly to be praised : in the city of our God, even upon His holy hill.

The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth : upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King; God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

For lo, the kings of the earth : are gathered, and gone by together.

They marvelled to see such things : they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

Fear came there upon them, and sorrow : as upon a woman in her travail.

Thou shalt break the ships of the sea : through the east-wind.

Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God : God upholdeth the same for ever.

We wait for Thy loving-kindness, O God : in the midst of Thy temple.

O God, according to Thy name, so is Thy praise unto the world's end: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughter of Judah be glad : because of Thy judgments.

Walk about Sion, and go round about her : and tell the towers thereof.

Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses : that ye may tell them that come after.

For this God is our God for ever and ever : He shall be our guide unto death.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Book of the Prophet Joel and St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians.

[1] AND it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My spirit. . . . And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered; for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant which the Lord shall call.

[2] Brethren, through Christ we have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone; in whom the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Then he says,

℣. Greatly to be blessed and praised art Thou, O Lord.

℟. Who art gone up on high, and hast led captivity captive and received gifts for men.

℣. Thanks be to God.

℟. Whose mercy is over all His works.

℣. Praised be the Lord daily.

℟. Who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us.

℣. Send forth Thy Spirit, O Lord, and our hearts shall be revived.

℟. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Then all kneeling, say the Confession and Litany following:

O ALMIGHTY God, graciously vouchsafe to hear the prayers of us Thine unworthy servants, who confess and bewail the innumerable sins we have most grievously committed against Thee by thought, word, and deed; and send down from heaven the divine light of Thy holy Spirit to purify and enlighten our hearts, and to guide our wandering steps into the ways of truth and peace; for the sake of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy on us.

[1] *Joel* ii. 28. [2] *Eph.* ii. 18.

O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God,

Have mercy on us.

From all evil, from all sin, from the spirit of unbelief, from all abuse of this sacred day and of those places which are sacred to Thee, from whatever is an offence to Thee, or a scandal to the weak,

O Lord, deliver us.

From contempt of Thy worship, and all kinds of irreverence in Thy holy presence, from sloth, coldness, and levity in time of prayer, from the neglect of prayer and of Thy sacred word,

O Lord, deliver us.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord; and grant that while we serve Thee with outward decency, we may be likewise careful to adore Thee in spirit and in truth;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant us the spirit of sanctification to purify our hearts, and to banish from thence the spirit of the world and of a disorderly life; the spirit of counsel in all difficulties, of direction in all doubts, of courage in all dangers, and of constancy in all persecutions;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That Thou wouldst give us the spirit of wisdom, conduct, and discretion; that in all our conversation we may be able to discern between hypocrisy and truth;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That Thou wouldst grant us the spirit of comfort in all trouble, in the times of sickness and in the hour of death, of entire submission to Thy holy will; the spirit of patience and thankfulness under all crosses and afflictions, whether of body or mind;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That Thou wouldst grant us the spirit of fear, love, and devotion towards Thee, of stedfast repose of mind in Thy care and providence, of justice and charity towards our neighbours, and of sobriety and abstinence towards ourselves;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That Thou wouldst give us the spirit of meekness and gentleness towards others, of forgiveness and love towards our enemies; and that Thou wouldst keep us from the evil spirit of pride, gluttony, uncleanness, of envy, anger, covetousness, and sloth;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And grant that as Thou hast knit together the differing Gentile nations by the confession of Christ's name, so all they who are born again in the baptismal font may be one both in the belief of their minds and in the piety of their actions; through Christ our Lord;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Lord, graciously vouchsafe to hear us.

O Son of God, Redeemer of mankind, spare us, we beseech Thee, and have mercy upon us.

Then all say,

OUR Father, &c.

Here may be said the Prayer which is to be used when there is Holy Communion (see *Sunday Morning Prayers*, page 11); *and if Whit-Sunday happens to fall on the Feast of St. Barnabas, he here says the special Collect for that Festival* (see *Saints'-Day Morning Prayers*).

Then he says the usual Sunday Morning Thanksgiving Prayer, as follows:

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who at the beginning of the world didst bless and sanctify the Sabbath-day, in memory of Thy finishing the glorious work of the creation, and who in the new law didst teach the apostles to transfer the duty of it to the Lord's day, in honour of Thy finishing the more glorious work of the redemption and sanctification thereon, by the resurrection of Thy divine Son, and the descent of the Holy Ghost; behold, we thy servants are here on this day assembled to bless and praise Thee for these incomprehensible blessings, and for every other favour Thou hast bestowed upon us, especially for the protection Thou hast afforded us during the week past. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may sanctify this day, by devoting it entirely to Thy love and service; and that whatever portion of time Thou hast decreed for each of us to live may be dedicated to the glory of Thy name, and employed in faithfully serving Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Then he says the two Collects and Prayer for a blessing, as in Sunday or Week-day Morning Prayers (see pages 12, 50, 90).

WHIT-SUNDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PART OF PSALM 68, v. 4.

O SING unto God, and sing praises unto His name: magnify Him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise Him in His name JAH, and rejoice before Him.

He is a Father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows: even God in His holy habitation.

Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon Thine inheritance: and refreshedst it when it was weary.

Thy congregation shall dwell therein: for Thou, O God, hast of Thy goodness prepared for the poor.

Thou art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men: yea, even for Thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Praised be the Lord daily: even the God who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us.

He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation: God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises unto the Lord,

Who sitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning: lo, He doth send out His voice, yea, and that a mighty voice.

Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel: His worship and strength is in the clouds.

O God, wonderful art Thou in Thy holy places: even the God of Israel; He will give strength and power unto His people; blessed be God.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

[1]BRETHREN, if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.

Then he says,

℣. Greatly to be blessed and praised art Thou, O Lord.

℟. Who art gone up on high, and hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men.

℣. Thanks be to God.

℟. Whose mercy is over all His works.

℣. Praised be the Lord daily.

℟. Who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us.

℣. Send forth Thy Spirit, O Lord, and our hearts shall be revived.

℟. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Then all kneeling, say the Confession and Litany following:

O ALMIGHTY God, graciously vouchsafe to hear the prayers of us, Thine unworthy servants, who confess and bewail the innumerable sins we have most grievously committed against

[1] *Rom.* viii. 11.

Thee by thought, word, and deed; and send down from heaven the divine light of Thy holy Spirit to purify and enlighten our hearts, and to guide our wandering steps into the ways of truth and peace; for the sake of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy on us.
O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God,
Have mercy on us.

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We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant us the spirit of sanctification to banish from our hearts the spirit of the world and a disorderly life, the spirit of counsel in all difficulties, of direction in all doubts, of courage in all dangers, and of constancy in all persecutions;

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That Thou wouldst give us the spirit of wisdom, conduct, and discretion, that in all our conversation we may be able to discern between hypocrisy and truth;

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That Thou wouldst grant us the spirit of comfort in all trouble, in the times of sickness and in the hour of death, of entire submission to Thy holy will; the spirit of patience and thankfulness under all crosses and afflictions, whether of body or mind;

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That Thou wouldst grant us the spirit of fear, love, and devotion towards Thee, of stedfast repose of mind in Thy care and providence, of justice and charity towards our neighbours, and of sobriety and abstinence towards ourselves;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That Thou wouldst give us the spirit of meekness and gentleness towards others, of forgiveness and love towards our enemies; and that Thou wouldst keep us from the evil spirit of pride, gluttony, uncleanness, of envy, anger, covetousness, and sloth;

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And grant that as Thou hast knit together the differing Gentile nations by the confession of Christ's name, so all they who are born again in the baptismal font may be one both in

the belief of their minds and in the piety of their actions; through Christ our Lord;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Lord, graciously vouchsafe to hear us.

O Son of God, Redeemer of mankind, spare us, we beseech Thee, and have mercy upon us.

Then all say,

OUR Father, &c.

Here may be said the Prayer which is to be used when there has been Holy Communion (see *Sunday Evening Prayers*, page 22); *and if Whit-Sunday happens to fall on the Feast of St. Barnabas, he here says the special Collect for that Festival* (see *Saints'-Day Morning Prayers*).

Then he says the usual Sunday Evening Thanksgiving Prayer, as follows:

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast appointed us six days in which we may labour and do all our work, and hast consecrated the seventh to Thyself, mercifully forgive the sins, the coldness, and neglect in worshipping Thee of which we have been guilty, and give us grace to avoid them for the future. Make us sensible, O Lord, of the daily blessings we receive from Thy bounty, especially the blessing of this happy day; that as we know Thee by faith we may love Thee by charity; and fixing all our hopes on the happiness of a future life, we may patiently suffer in submission to Thy holy will what Thou now permittest, and come at length to the joys of Thy heavenly kingdom; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects and Prayer for a blessing, as in Sunday or Week-Day Evening Prayers (see pages 23, 74, 106).

WHIT-MONDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 95.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving : and shew ourselves glad in Him with Psalms.

For the Lord is a great God : and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are all the corners of the earth : and the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it : and His hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down : and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is the Lord our God : and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

To-day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts : as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness :

When your fathers tempted Me : proved Me, and saw My works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said : It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known My ways.

Unto whom I sware in My wrath : that they should not enter into My rest.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following :

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

[1] BRETHREN, being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Then he says,

℣. Greatly to be blessed and praised art Thou, O Lord.

℟. Who art gone up on high, and hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men.

℣. Thanks be to God.

℟. Whose mercy is over all His works.

℣. Praised be the Lord daily.

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℟. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Then all kneeling, say the following Confession :

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Then continue with the usual Monday Morning Litany, beginning, "O God, the Father of heaven," *&c.* (page 47), *to the end of the Monday Morning Prayers.*

[1] *Rom.* v. 1.

WHIT-MONDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 98.

O SING unto the Lord a new song : for He hath done marvellous things.

With His own right hand, and with His holy arm : hath He gotten Himself the victory.

The Lord declared His salvation : His righteousness hath He openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered His mercy and truth towards the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is : the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord : for He cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall He judge the world ; and the people with equity.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

[1]BRETHREN, the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God.

Then he says,

℣. Greatly to be blessed and praised art Thou, O Lord.

℟. Who art gone up on high, and hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men.

℣. Thanks be to God.

℟. Whose mercy is over all His works.

℣. Praised be the Lord daily.

℟. Who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us.

℣. Send forth Thy Spirit, O Lord, and our hearts shall be revived.

℟. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Then all kneeling, say the following Confession:

O ALMIGHTY God, graciously vouchsafe to hear the prayers of us Thine unworthy servants, who confess and bewail the innumerable sins we have most grievously committed against Thee by thought, word, and deed; and send down from heaven the divine light of Thy Holy Spirit to purify and enlighten our hearts, and to guide our wandering steps into the ways of truth and peace; for the sake of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Then continue with the usual Monday Evening Litany, beginning, "O God, the Father of heaven," *&c.* (page 72), *to the end of the Monday Evening Prayers.*

[1] *Rom.* viii. 22.

WHIT-TUESDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 100.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord He is God : it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise : be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His name.

For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting : and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

[1] AND by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were

[1] *Acts* v. 12.

the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Then he says,

℣. Greatly to be blessed and praised art Thou, O Lord.

℟. Who art gone up on high, and hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men.

℣. Thanks be to God.

℟. Whose mercy is over all His works.

℣. Praised be the Lord daily.

℟. Who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us.

℣. Send forth Thy Spirit, O Lord, and our hearts shall be revived.

℟. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Then all kneeling, say the following Confession:

O ALMIGHTY God, graciously vouchsafe to hear the prayers of us Thine unworthy servants, who confess and bewail the innumerable sins we have most grievously committed against Thee by thought, word, and deed; and send down from heaven the divine light of Thy Holy Spirit to purify and enlighten our hearts, and to guide our wandering steps into the ways of truth and peace; for the sake of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Then continue with the usual Tuesday Morning Litany; beginning, "O God, the Father of heaven" (page 47), *to the end of the Tuesday Morning Prayers.*

WHIT-TUESDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 67.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us :

That Thy way may be known upon earth : Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.

God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

[1]THEN Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city.

Then he says,

℣. Greatly to be blessed and praised art Thou, O Lord.

℟. Who art gone up on high, and hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men.

℣. Thanks be to God.

℟. Whose mercy is over all His works.

℣. Praised be the Lord daily.

℟. Who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us.

℣. Send forth Thy Spirit, O Lord, and our hearts shall be revived.

℟. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Then all kneeling, say the following Confession:

O ALMIGHTY God, graciously vouchsafe to hear the prayers of us Thine unworthy servants, who confess and bewail the innumerable sins we have most grievously committed against Thee by thought, word, and deed; and send down from heaven the divine light of Thy Holy Spirit, to purify and enlighten our hearts, and to guide our wandering steps into the ways of truth and peace; for the sake of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Then continue with the usual Tuesday Evening Litany, beginning, "O God, the Father of heaven" (page 72), *to the end of the Tuesday Evening Prayers.*

[1] *Acts* viii. 5.

TRINITY SUNDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following hymn of praise:

℣. Blessed for ever be Thy name, eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for Thy infinite power and love in creating us and all the world.

℟. Our souls do magnify Thee, O Lord.

℣. Blessed be Thou, O Jesus, Son of God, our Saviour, for Thy infinite glory in itself, and Thy infinite love to us in redeeming us and all mankind.

℟. Our souls do magnify Thee, O Lord.

℣. Blessed be Thou, O God the Holy Ghost, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, for comforting us in all our troubles, and infusing the grace and love of God into our hearts.

℟. Our souls do magnify Thee, O Lord.

℣. And blessed be Thou, O God, for preserving us from so many dangers of body and soul, and for all the temporal and spiritual blessings Thou affordest us.

℟. Our souls do magnify Thee, O Lord.

℣. Be Thou exalted, O God, above the clouds, and Thy glory above the heavens.

℟. While we live we will sanctify Thy name, we will sing praises to our God while we have our being.

℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PART OF PSALM 139, v. 1.

O LORD, Thou hast searched me out, and known me : Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; Thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed : and spiest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue : but Thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before : and laid Thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me : I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from Thy Spirit : or whither shall I go then from Thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, Thou art there : if I go down to hell, Thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning : and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall Thy hand lead me : and Thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me : then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day : the darkness and light to Thee are both alike.

For my reins are Thine : Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will give thanks unto Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made : marvellous are Thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

How dear are Thy counsels unto me, O God : O how great is the sum of them!

If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand : when I wake up, I am present with Thee.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart : prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me : and lead me in the way everlasting.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

[1] I SAW the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim : each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, with twain he covered his

[1] *Isaiah* vi. 1.

feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried to another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory.

Or this:

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[1] AND Jesus came and spake unto His disciples, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Then he says,

℣. Let us bless the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
℟. Thanks be to Thee, O God, for Thy great mercy.
℣. But Thou, O God, have mercy upon us.
℟. And forgive us our sins.

Then all kneeling, say the following Litany and Confession:

O GOD the Father, eternal Fountain of all being;

Thou who didst so love the world as to give Thy only Son to redeem it;

Thou who hast prepared for us a glorious inheritance if we love Thee and keep Thy commandments,

Have mercy on us.

O God the Son, eternal Word of the Father;

Thou who, to save us sinners, tookest upon Thee the frail nature of man, and becamest obedient unto the death of the cross;

Thou who at the last and dreadful day wilt come with glory to judge the living and the dead,

Have mercy on us.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son;

Thou by whom wast wrought the glorious mystery of our Saviour's incarnation;

Thou who art the free Dispenser of all graces and spiritual consolations,

Have mercy on us.

O sacred Trinity, three Persons and one God, of equal glory and co-eternal majesty;

O sacred Trinity, from whom, by whom, and in whom are all things;

[1] *St. Matt.* xxviii. 18.

O sacred Trinity, to whom all the angels and saints of heaven continually sing, Holy, holy, holy,

Have mercy on us.

Look down, O Lord, with compassion upon us miserable sinners, who confess and bewail the innumerable sins we have most grievously committed against Thee, by thought, word, and deed. Remember not, O Lord, our offences, but Thy infinite mercy; and give us a true contrition for them all, that being turned from every evil way, we may by a sincere repentance obtain Thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From all evil, from all sin, from all abuse of this sacred day, and of those places which are sacred to Thee, from whatever is an offence to Thee or a scandal to the weak,

O Lord, deliver us.

From contempt of Thy worship, and all kinds of irreverence in Thy holy presence; from sloth, coldness, and levity in time of prayer; from the neglect of prayer and of Thy sacred word,

O Lord, deliver us.

O Lord, we beseech Thee to hear us, and grant us Thy assistance, that we may sanctify this holy and happy day according to Thy commandments. Grant that, while we serve Thee with outward decency, we may be likewise careful to adore Thee in spirit and truth; that we may unite with the blessed above, in praising, adoring, and praying to Thee, and prepare our souls to celebrate with them an eternal Sabbath;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that we may this day labour to rise to a new life, examining the state of our souls, and resolving to amend whatever is displeasing to Thee;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee; denying our wills, ruling our tongues, softening our tempers, mortifying our lusts; and learn patience, meekness, purity, forgiveness of injuries, and continuance in well-doing;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Grant that we may not give this day to earth which is consecrated to heaven; but employ it in such exercises as may raise our hearts above earthly things, and unite them to Thee by love, who art the only sovereign and everlasting good;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Lord, graciously vouchsafe to hear us, and grant us these our petitions.

O Son of God, Redeemer of mankind, spare us, we beseech Thee, and have mercy upon us.

Then all say,

OUR Father, &c.

Here may be said the Prayer which is to be used when there is Holy Communion (see *Sunday Morning Prayers*, page 11); *and if Trinity Sunday should happen to fall on the Feast of St. Barnabas, he here says the special Collect for that festival* (see *Saint's-Day Morning Prayers*).

Then he says the following Prayer and Collect for Trinity Sunday:

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, whose divine perfections and adorable mysteriousness we this day commemorate; graciously accept the humble tribute of praise and thanksgiving which we, Thine unworthy servants, have presumed to offer unto Thee. And mercifully grant that the frequent meditation of Thy infinite goodness may force our wills to love Thee above all things; and the serious consideration of Thy incomprehensible majesty captivate our understanding to the obedience of faith, that we may here, in reverence to Thy word, believe what we do not see, and hereafter in the blissful vision of Thy glory see more than we now believe; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast granted us Thy servants, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of Thy majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech Thee that, by firmness in the same faith, we may be ever protected from all adversities; who livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects and Prayer for a blessing, as in Sunday or Week-Day Morning Prayers (see pages 12, 50, 90).

TRINITY SUNDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following hymn of praise:

℣. Blessed for ever be Thy name, eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for Thy infinite power and love in creating us and all the world.

℟. Our souls do magnify Thee, O Lord.

℣. Blessed be Thou, O Jesus, Son of God, our Saviour, for Thy infinite glory in itself, and Thy infinite love to us in redeeming us and all mankind.

℟. Our souls do magnify Thee, O Lord.

℣. Blessed be Thou, O God the Holy Ghost, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, for comforting us in all our troubles, and infusing the grace and love of God into our hearts.

℟. Our souls do magnify Thee, O Lord.

℣. And blessed be Thou, O God, for preserving us from so many dangers of body and soul, and for all the temporal and spiritual blessings Thou affordest us.

℟. Our souls do magnify Thee, O Lord.

℣. Be Thou exalted, O God, above the clouds, and Thy glory above the heavens.

℟. While we live we will sanctify Thy name; we will sing praises to our God while we have our being.

℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PART OF PSALM 104, v. 1.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul : O Lord my God, Thou art become exceeding glorious; Thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

Thou deckest Thyself with light as it were with a garment : and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

Who layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters : and maketh the clouds His chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

He maketh His angels spirits : and His ministers a flaming fire.

He laid the foundations of the earth : that it never should move at any time.

He appointed the moon for certain seasons : and the sun knoweth his going down.

Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour : until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works : in wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea also : wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

These wait all upon Thee : that Thou mayest give them meat in due season.

When Thou givest it them they gather it : and when Thou openest Thy hand they are filled with good.

When Thou hidest Thy face they are troubled : when Thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.

When Thou lettest Thy breath go forth they shall be made : and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever : the Lord shall rejoice in His works.

The earth shall tremble at the look of Him : if He do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live : I will praise my God while I have my being.

And so shall my words please Him : my joy shall be in the Lord.

As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end : praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

[1]O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been His counsellor? Or who hath first given to Him, and it shall be

[1] *Rom.* xi. 33.

recompensed unto him again? For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Or this:

From the First General Epistle of St. John.

[1]NO man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Then he says,

℣. Let us bless the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
℟. Thanks be to Thee, O God, for Thy great mercy.
℣. But Thou, O God, have mercy upon us.
℟. And forgive us our sins.

Then all kneeling, say the following Litany and Confession:

O GOD the Father, eternal Fountain of all being;

Thou who didst so love the world as to give Thy only Son to redeem it;

Thou who hast prepared for us a glorious inheritance if we love Thee and keep Thy commandments,

Have mercy on us.

O God the Son, eternal Word of the Father;

Thou who, to save us sinners, tookest upon Thee the frail nature of man, and becamest obedient unto the death of the cross;

Thou who at the last and dreadful day wilt come with glory to judge the living and the dead,

Have mercy on us.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son;

Thou by whom wast wrought the glorious mystery of our Saviour's incarnation;

Thou who art the free Dispenser of all graces and spiritual consolations,

Have mercy on us.

O sacred Trinity, three Persons and one God, of equal glory and co-eternal majesty;

[1] 1 *St. John* iv. 12.

O sacred Trinity, from whom, by whom, and in whom are all things;

O sacred Trinity, to whom all the angels and saints of heaven continually sing, Holy, Holy, Holy,

Have mercy on us.

Look down, O Lord, with compassion upon us miserable sinners, who confess and bewail the innumerable sins we have most grievously committed against Thee, by thought, word, and deed. Remember, not, O Lord, our offences, but Thy infinite mercy, and give us a true contrition for them all, that being turned from every evil way, we may by a sincere repentance obtain Thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us; and grant that as we have heard this day in Thy house of prayer what our duty is, we may, by Thy grace and help, be enabled to accomplish it;

That we may not be conformed to this world; but that, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we may live soberly, justly, and piously;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That we may crucify the flesh with its vices and lusts, and be ever clean of heart;

That being dead to sin, we may live unto righteousness, and arising with Thee, our Redeemer, may die no more;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And that it may please Thee to have mercy on our relations, friends, and benefactors, to open their eyes to see the beauty of Thy truth, and give them grace to embrace it.

That it may please Thee mercifully to look down from heaven on all those who suffer, and so to strengthen them in their affliction, that they may be led thereby to a more perfect love of Thee, and a stricter obedience to Thy commandments;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And that Thou wouldst give to us and to all people the spirit of the Gospel, and inspire us all with a zeal for peace, unity, and truth;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Lord, graciously hear these our prayers.

O Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us, and have mercy upon us.

Then all say,

OUR Father, &c.

Here may be said the Prayer which is to be used when there has been Holy Communion (see *Sunday Evening Prayers*, page 22); *and if Trinity Sunday should happen to fall on the Feast of St. Barnabas, he here says the special Collect for that festival* (see *Saint's-Day Morning Prayers*).

Then he says the following Prayer and Collect for Trinity Sunday:

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, whose divine perfections and adorable mysteriousness we this day commemorate; graciously accept the humble tribute of praise and thanksgiving which we, Thine unworthy servants, have presumed to offer unto Thee. Pardon the sins, the coldness, and neglect, in worshipping Thee of which we have been guilty, and give us grace to avoid them for the future. And mercifully grant that the frequent meditation of Thy infinite goodness may force our wills to love Thee above all things; and the serious consideration of Thy incomprehensible majesty captivate our understanding to the obedience of faith, that we may here, in reverence to Thy word, believe what we do not see, and hereafter, in the blissful vision of Thy glory, see more than we now believe; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast granted us Thy servants, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of Thy majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech Thee that, by firmness in the same faith, we may be ever protected from all adversities; who livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects and Prayer for a blessing, as in Sunday or Week-day Evening Prayers (see pages 23, 74, 106).

Other Festivals and Saints' Days.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

℣. O God, make speed to save us.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then he says one of the following Psalms:

For the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

PART OF PSALM 8, v. 1.

O LORD our Governor, how excellent is Thy name in all the world: Thou that hast set Thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength, because of Thine enemies: that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

O Lord our Governor: how excellent is Thy name in all the world!

For the Feast of Circumcision.

PSALM 101.

MY song shall be of mercy and judgment: unto Thee, O Lord, will I sing.

O let me have understanding: in the way of godliness.

When wilt Thou come unto me: I will walk in my house with a perfect heart.

I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate the sins of unfaithfulness: there shall no such cleave unto me.

A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour: him will I destroy.

Whoso hath also a proud look and high stomach: I will not suffer him.

Mine eyes look upon such as are faithful in the land: that they may dwell with me.

Whoso leadeth a godly life: he shall be my servant.

There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house : he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are in the land : that I may root out all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

For the Feast of the Epiphany.

PART OF PSALM 72, v. 1.

GIVE the King Thy judgments, O God : and Thy righteousness unto the King's son.

Then shall he judge Thy people according unto right : and defend the poor.

The mountains also shall bring peace : and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

He shall keep the simple folk by their right : defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

They shall fear Thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth : from one generation to another.

He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool : even as the drops that water the earth.

In His time shall the righteous flourish : yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other : and from the flood unto the world's end.

They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before Him : His enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents : the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before Him : all nations shall do Him service.

He shall live, and unto Him shall be given of the gold of Arabia : prayer shall be made ever unto Him, and daily shall He be praised.

His name shall endure for ever ; His name shall remain under the sun among the posterities : which shall be blessed through Him ; and all the heathen shall praise Him.

Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel : which only doeth wondrous things ;

And blessed be the name of His Majesty for ever : and all the earth shall be filled with His Majesty. Amen, Amen.

For the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PART OF PSALM 48, v. 8.

WE wait for Thy loving-kindness, O God : in the midst of Thy temple.

O God, according to Thy name, so is Thy praise unto the world's end : Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let the Mount Sion rejoice, let the daughter of Judah be glad : because of Thy judgments.

For the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PSALM 113.

PRAISE the Lord, ye servants : O praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.

The Lord's name is praised : from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The Lord is high above all heathen : and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath His dwelling so high : and yet humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth ?

He taketh up the simple out of the dust : and lifteth the poor out of the mire ;

That He may set him with the princes : even with the princes of His people.

He maketh the barren woman

to keep house : and to be a joyful mother of children.

For the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

PART OF PSALM 103, v. 19.

THE Lord hath prepared His seat in heaven : and His kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of His, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil His commandment, and hearken unto the voice of His words.

O praise the Lord, all ye His hosts : ye servants of His that do His pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of His, in all places of His dominion : praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

For the other Saints' Days.

PART OF PSALM 37, v. 1.

FRET not thyself because of the ungodly : neither be thou envious against the evil doers.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass : and be withered even as the green herb.

Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good : dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thou in the Lord : and He shall give thee thy heart's desire.

Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in Him : and He shall bring it to pass.

He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light : and thy just dealing as the noon-day.

Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon Him : but grieve not thyself at him, whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.

Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure : fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

Wicked doers shall be rooted out : and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.

PART OF PSALM 37, v. 10.

YET a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone : thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.

But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth : and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.

The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just : and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

The Lord shall laugh him to scorn : for He hath seen that his day is coming.

The ungodly have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow : to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as are of a right conversation.

Their sword shall go through their own heart : and their bow shall be broken.

A small thing that the righteous hath : is better than great riches of the ungodly.

For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken : and the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

The Lord knoweth the days of the godly : and their inheritance shall endure for ever.

They shall not be confounded in the perilous time : and in the days of dearth they shall have enough.

As for the ungodly, they shall perish; and the enemies of the Lord shall consume as the fat of lambs : yea, even as the smoke, shall they consume away.

The ungodly borroweth, and payeth not again : but the righteous is merciful, and liberal.

Such as are blessed of God shall possess the land : and they that are cursed of Him shall be rooted out.

PSALM 112.

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord : he hath great delight in His commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth : the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house : and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness : he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

A good man is merciful, and lendeth : and will guide his words with discretion.

For he shall never be moved : and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings : for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

His heart is established and will not shrink : until he see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor : and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him : he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away ; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 145.

I WILL magnify Thee, O God, my King: and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto Thee : and praise Thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and marvellous, worthy to be praised : there is no end of His greatness.

One generation shall praise Thy works unto another : and declare Thy power.

As for me, I will be talking of Thy worship : Thy glory, Thy praise, and wondrous works ;

So that men shall speak of the might of Thy marvellous acts : and I will also tell of Thy greatness.

The memorial of Thine abundant kindness shall be shewed : and men shall sing of Thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and merciful : long-suffering, and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving unto every man : and His mercy is over all His works.

All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord : and Thy saints give thanks unto Thee.

They shew the glory of Thy kingdom : and talk of Thy power ;

That Thy power, Thy glory, and mightiness of Thy kingdom : might be known unto men.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom : and Thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

The Lord upholdeth all such as fall : and lifteth up all those that are down.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord : and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest Thine hand : and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

The Lord is righteous in all His ways : and holy in all His works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him : yea, all such as call upon Him faithfully.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him : He also will hear their cry, and will help them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love Him : but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord : and let all flesh give thanks unto His holy name for ever and ever.

The following Psalm may be said occasionally when there is Holy Communion.

Part of Psalm 116, v. 10.

I BELIEVED, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled : I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What reward shall I give unto

the Lord : for all the benefits that He hath done unto me ?

I will receive the cup of salvation : and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all His people : right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Behold, O Lord, how that I am Thy servant: I am Thy servant, and the son of Thine handmaid; Thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving : and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all His people : in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads one of the short chapters following:

For the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[1] AND at that time the blind and the lame came to Jesus in the temple; and He healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, and said unto Him, Hearest Thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise? And He left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and He lodged there.

For the Feast of Circumcision.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew and St. Luke.

[2] BEHOLD, the angel of the Lord appeared unto Joseph in a

[1] *St. Matt.* xxi. 14. [2] *St. Matt.* i. 20.

dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.

[1] And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, His name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

For the Feast of the Epiphany.

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

[2] ARISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee; thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then shalt thou see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee; . . . . all they from Sheba shall come, and shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall gather themselves together unto thee: . . . . they shall come up with acceptance on Mine altar, and I will glorify the house of My glory.

For the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

From the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

[3] BEHOLD, . . . the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

For the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke and St. Matthew.

[4] AND in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the house of

[1] *St. Luke* ii. 21. [2] *Isai.* lx. 1. [3] *Mal.* iii. 1.
[4] *St. Luke* i. 26.

Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end.

[1] Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

For the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

From the Second Book of Kings; from the Psalms; and from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews.

[2] THEN the king of Syria warred against Israel, ... and sent horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of Elisha, the man of God, was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray Thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray Thee, with blindness. And He smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

[3] The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: and the Lord is among them, as in the holy place of Sinai.

[4] Of the angels God saith, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire. . . . . Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

For the other Saints' Days.

From the Acts of the Holy Apostles; from the First General Epistle of St. Peter; and from the Revelation of St. John the Divine.

[5] AND when Paul and Barnabas had preached the Gospel at Derbe, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

[6] Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

[7] Jesus saith, To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. . . . . Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: . . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

For the same.

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, and from the Book of the Wisdom of Solomon.

[8] THE righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

[1] *St. Matt.* i. 22.
[2] 2 *Kings* vi. 8.
[3] *Psalm* lxviii. 17.
[4] *Heb.* i. 7.
[5] *Acts* xiv. 21.
[6] 1 *St. Pet.* iv. 12.
[7] *Rev.* ii. 7 & 10.
[8] *Isai.* lvii. 1.

He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

[1] Then shall the righteous man stand in great boldness before the face of such as have afflicted him, and made no account of his labours. When they see it, they shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the strangeness of his salvation, so far beyond all that they looked for. And they, repenting and groaning for anguish of spirit, shall say within themselves, This was he whom we had sometimes in derision, and a proverb of reproach. We fools accounted his life madness, and his end to be without honour. How is he numbered among the children of God, and his lot is among the saints. What hath pride profited us? or what hath riches with our vaunting brought us? All those things are passed away like a shadow. . . . . But the righteous live for evermore: their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Most High. Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown, from the Lord's hand: for with His right hand shall He cover them; and with His arm shall He protect them.

The following short chapter may be read occasionally when there is Holy Communion.

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, and from St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians.

[2] IN this mountain shall the Lord of Hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

[3] The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

Then he says,

℣. There is sprung up a light for the righteous.

℟. And joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

℣. O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness.

℟. And declare the wonders that He doeth unto the children of men.

℣. The Lord hath done great things for us already.

℟. Whereof we rejoice.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, continue to have mercy upon us,

℟. And be our defence and shield against all our enemies.

[1] *Wisdom* v. [2] *Isai.* xxv. 6. [3] 1 *Cor.* x. 16.

Then all kneeling, say the Confession and Litany following:

O BLESSED Trinity, One God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we here assembled, prostrate in spirit before Thee, do confess in the sight of the whole court of heaven our innumerable offences committed against Thy divine majesty. We have sinned, Lord, we have sinned; we have grievously offended Thee, through the whole course of our lives, in thought, word, and deed, and therefore are most unworthy to lift up our eyes to heaven, or so much as to name Thy sacred name. But, O God, eternal Creator of all things, Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who hast made us in Thine own image, redeemed us by Thy only Son, adopted us Thy children, and shewest mercy to those who humbly and sincerely seek it, be merciful to us, O Lord, and give us a true contrition for all the sins we have committed against Thee, that, being turned from all our evil ways, we may, by a sincere repentance, obtain Thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, and grant that we may be ever thankful for whatever opportunities Thou art pleased to give us of meeting in Thy worship, and that we may lay hold of all such occasions for Thy greater glory and the good of our own souls;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That we may ever appear before Thee with a fitting sense of our own unworthiness and of Thy awful majesty. That we may come before Thee as sinful creatures admitted into the choirs of blessed spirits, with them to join our praises, and permitted to adore before Thy throne;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give a like spirit to all Christians, that so all irreverences and abuses may be removed from all places of Thy worship;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That Thou wouldst mercifully assist us in preparing our hearts to be the temples of the Holy Ghost, that Thou, O God, mayest abide with us for ever;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to conduct us by Thy wisdom,

to restrain us by Thy justice, to comfort us by Thy mercy, and to defend us by Thy power.

That we may learn to submit our reason to the obedience of faith, and so much the more exalt the wonders of Thy goodness, as they exceed the capacity of our understanding;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

If it be the Feast of the Epiphany, here say,

That we may bless and praise Thee for the defence and propagation of Thy holy Church, and the continual gathering in of Thine elect throughout the world;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

If it be the Feast of the Circumcision, here say,

That we may consecrate to Thee all our thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings, and receive thankfully from Thee whatever of joy or suffering Thou shalt appoint for us;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

If it be the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, here say,

Give us grace to do Thy will on earth with the same diligence, cheerfulness, and zeal, that Thy holy angels do it in heaven.

Give us grace to imitate them in their perfect obedience, burning devotion, profound humility, unspotted purity, unbounded charity, and thus engage their protection in all our necessities;

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

Fill our hearts with affection for Thy goodness, hatred of our faults, love of our neighbour, and contempt of the world.

Discover to us the nothingness of this world, the greatness of heaven, the shortness of time, and the length of eternity;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

If it be the Feast of Holy Innocents, Purification, or Annunciation of the B. V. Mary, here say,

Infuse into our hearts a spirit of childlike humility and innocence, and of entire surrender of ourselves to Thee and Thy holy will.

Teach us to be submissive to our superiors, condescending to our inferiors, faithful to our friends, and charitable to our enemies;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Give us strength to subdue our passions, overcome temptations, and acquire the virtues proper for our state;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

If it be the Feast of an Apostle, Martyr, or Confessor, here say,

Assist us to follow Thy saints in overcoming sensuality by mortification, avarice by almsdeeds, anger by meekness, and lukewarmness by devotion.

Enable us to follow their prudence in our undertakings, their courage in danger, their patience in affliction, and their meekness in prosperity.

Grant that, like them, we may be punctual at our devotions, temperate at our meals, diligent in our employments, and constant in good resolutions;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And that Thou wouldst mercifully give us perseverance in Thy grace and holy service, and unite us for ever to Thyself with the blessed company of Thy saints and holy angels;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Christ, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, model of meekness and humility;
Jesus, model of purity and innocence;
Jesus, model of simplicity and truth,
Hear our prayers.
Jesus, pattern of meekness and gentleness;
Jesus, pattern of submission and obedience;
Jesus, pattern of charity and goodwill to men,
Graciously hear us, and have mercy upon us.

Then all say,

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Here may be said the Prayer which is to be used when there is Holy Communion (see *Sunday Morning Prayers*, page 11). *Then he says the Collect for the particular Festival celebrated;* and on the Saints'-Days which fall during the season of Advent or Lent, he here says the Prayers which are to be said at those seasons* (see pages 48, 49).

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* *Collect for the Feast of St. Andrew.*

ALMIGHTY God who didst give such grace unto Thy holy apostle St. Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of Thy Son Jesus

Then on all the Festivals, except those of Circumcision, Epiphany, Purification, Annunciation, and St. Michael, he here says the following Prayer:

MOST gracious God, the author of sanctity and lover of unity, whose wisdom hath established an admirable communion between the members of the same mystical body, whereof Thy Son Jesus Christ is head, we bless and praise Thy

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Christ, and followed Him without delay; grant unto us all, that we being called by Thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil Thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of St. Thomas.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who for the more confirmation of the faith didst suffer Thy holy apostle Thomas to be doubtful in Thy Son's resurrection; grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in Thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in Thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

For the Feast of St. Stephen.

GRANT us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to imitate what we honour, that we may also learn to love our enemies as we celebrate the Feast of Thy holy St. Stephen, who knew how to beseech, even for his persecutors, our Lord Jesus Christ, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech Thee to cast Thy bright beams of light upon Thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of Thy blessed apostle and evangelist St. John, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

O GOD, whose praise the martyred Innocents confessed on this day, not by speaking but by dying; mortify all vices in us, that our life also may confess by actions the faith which our tongues proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of the Circumcision.

ALMIGHTY God, who madest Thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that our hearts and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey Thy blessed will; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

holy name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear. We celebrate with thankfulness the patient suffering and heroic devotion of Thy saints, who have glorified Thee in their lives and by their deaths. Grant, O Lord, that while we commemorate their noble deeds, and rejoice in the unspeakable happiness they now possess, we may ever remember, that in their passage out of this world we are most certainly to follow them. Oh, give us grace to prepare for our last hour by

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For the Feast of the Epiphany.

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; mercifully grant that we, which know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of St. Paul's Conversion.

O GOD, who didst teach the whole world by the preaching of blessed Paul the apostle; grant us, we beseech Thee, that we who this day celebrate his conversion may advance towards Thee by his example; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, we humbly beseech Thy majesty, that, as Thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto Thee with pure and clean hearts; by the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of St. Matthias.

O ALMIGHTY God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose Thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve apostles; grant that Thy Church, being alway preserved from false apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CONFIRM, O Lord, in our minds, we beseech Thee, the mysteries of the true faith, that we who confess Him who was conceived of the Virgin to be true God and man, may be worthy to arrive at eternal joy by the power of His saving resurrection; for the sake of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of St. Mark.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed Thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy evangelist St. Mark; give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of Thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

a good life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden and unprovided death; but be ever watching, that when Thou shalt call, we also may enter with the Bridegroom into eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

But if it be the Feast of Purification, Annunciation, or St. Michael, he says the following Prayer instead of the foregoing:

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of

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For the Feast of St. Philip and St. James.

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life; grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of Thy holy apostles, St. Philip and St. James, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of St. Barnabas.

O LORD God Almighty, who didst endue Thy holy apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost; leave us not, we beseech Thee, destitute of Thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of St. John Baptist.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence Thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of Thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of repentance, make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching, and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of St. Peter.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy apostle St. Peter many excellent gifts, and commandest him earnestly to feed Thy flock; make, we beseech Thee, all bishops and pastors diligently to preach Thy holy word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of St. James.

GRANT, O merciful God, that as Thine holy apostle St. James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay, was obedient unto the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow Thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thy Son; grant us grace so to follow the steps of Thy blessed saints, that we may finally attain unto Thy blissful heaven; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he says the following Thanksgiving Prayer:

O ALMIGHTY God, who observest all the actions, thoughts, and secret motions of our hearts, and who watchest over us with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing favours and shielding us from evil, blessed be Thy holy name: and

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For the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

ALMIGHTY everlasting God, who has granted us a holy joy on this day in the festival of Thy blessed apostle Bartholomew; grant to Thy Church, we beseech Thee, both to love what he believed and to preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of St. Matthew.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by Thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an apostle and evangelist; grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Feast of St. Michael.

O GOD, who with wonderful order doth direct the ministry of angels and men; mercifully grant that our life on earth may be protected by those who ever minister before Thee in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of St. Luke.

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Luke the physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an evangelist, and physician of the soul, may it please Thee, that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude.

O GOD, who by means of Thy blessed apostles Simon and Jude hast granted us to come to the knowledge of Thy name; grant that we may celebrate their eternal glory by making progress in virtue, and improve by this celebration; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Feast of All Saints.

O LORD our God, multiply Thy grace upon us, and grant us in our holy profession to follow the virtues of those blessed saints whose glorious festival we now celebrate; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

may all creatures bless Thy goodness for the benefits we have ever received from Thee, especially during the night past; but, above all, for the surpassing riches of Thy mercy in creating and preserving, redeeming and sanctifying us. And Lord, we beseech Thee, never permit us to be so base and wicked as to repay Thy bounties with ingratitude, or Thy blessings with offences and injuries; but fill our hearts with a grateful spirit for Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects following, and Prayer for a blessing:

VISIT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this house and family, drive far from it all snares of the enemy, and may Thy holy angels dwell therein to keep us in peace and safety through this day; for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSIST, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by Thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from Thee, and by Thee may happily be ended; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and remain with us for ever. Amen.

Other Festivals and Saints' Days.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.

℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.

℣. O God, make speed to save us.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then he says one of the following Psalms or Hymns:

For the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

PART OF PSALMS 79 AND 124.

O GOD, the blood of Thy saints have the heathen shed like water on every side of Jerusalem; and there was no man to bury them.

But praised be the Lord, who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.

Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler: the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

For the Feast of Circumcision.

PSALM 131.

LORD, I am not high-minded: I have no proud looks.

I do not exercise myself in great matters: which are too high for me.

But I refrain my soul, and keep it low, like as a child that is weaned from his mother: yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.

O Israel, trust in the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

For the Feast of the Epiphany.

PSALM 138.

I WILL give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing praise unto Thee.

I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy Name, because of Thy loving-kindness and truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy Name, and Thy Word, above all things.

When I called upon Thee, Thou

heardest me : and enduedst my soul with much strength.

All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord : for they have heard the words of Thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord : that great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly : as for the proud, He beholdeth them afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt Thou refresh me : Thou shalt stretch forth Thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and Thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord shall make good His loving-kindness toward me : yea, Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever : despise not then the works of Thine own hands.

For the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Luke ii. 29.

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace : according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : Thy salvation,

Which Thou hast prepared : before the face of all people ;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

For the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Luke i. 46.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For He hath regarded : the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is His Name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him : throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with His arm : He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel : as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

For the Feast of St. Michael.

Part of Psalm 104, v. 1.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul : O Lord my God, Thou art become exceeding glorious ; Thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

Thou deckest Thyself with light as it were with a garment : and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

Who layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters : and maketh the clouds His chariot, and walketh on the wings of the wind.

He maketh His angels spirits : and His ministers a flaming fire.

The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever : the Lord shall rejoice in His works.

The earth shall tremble at the look of Him : if He do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live : I will praise my God while I have my being.

And so shall my words please Him : my joy shall be in the Lord.

As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end : praise Thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

For the other Saints' Days.

PART OF PSALM 37, v. 23.

THE Lord ordereth a good man's going : and maketh his way acceptable to Himself.

Though he fall, he shall not be cast away : for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand.

I have been young, and now am old : and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread.

The righteous is ever merciful, and lendeth : and his seed is blessed.

Flee from evil, and do the thing that is good : and dwell for evermore.

For the Lord loveth the thing that is right : He forsaketh not his that be godly, but they are preserved for ever.

The unrighteous shall be punished : as for the seed of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out.

The righteous shall inherit the land : and dwell therein for ever.

PART OF PSALM 37, v. 31.

THE mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom : and his tongue will be talking of judgment.

The law of his God is in his heart : and His goings shall not slide.

The ungodly seeth the righteous : and seeketh occasion to slay him.

The Lord will not leave him in his hand : nor condemn him when he is judged.

Hope thou in the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall promote thee, that thou shalt possess the land : when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.

I myself have seen the ungodly in great power : and flourishing like a green bay-tree.

I went by, and lo, he was gone : I sought him, but his place could no where be found.

Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right : for that shall bring a man peace at the last.

As for the transgressors, they shall perish together : and the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out at the last.

But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord : who is also their strength in the time of trouble.

And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them : He shall deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them, because they put their trust in Him.

PSALM 97.

THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof : yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about Him : righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His seat.

There shall go a fire before Him : and burn up His enemies on every side.

His lightnings gave shine unto the world : the earth saw it, and was afraid.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord : at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens have declared His righteousness : and all the people have seen His glory.

Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods : worship Him, all ye gods.

Sion heard of it, and rejoiced : and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of Thy judgments, O Lord.

For Thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth : Thou art exalted far above all gods.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil : the

Lord preserveth the souls of His saints; He shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous: and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous: and give thanks for a remembrance of His holiness.

PSALM 149.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: let the congregation of saints praise Him.

Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise His Name in the dance: let them sing praises unto Him with tabret and harp.

For the Lord hath pleasure in His people: and helpeth the meek-hearted.

Let the saints be joyful with glory: let them rejoice in their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their mouth: and a two-edged sword in their hands;

To be avenged of the heathen: and to rebuke the people;

To bind their kings in chains: and their nobles with links of iron.

That they may be avenged of them, as it is written: Such honour have all His saints.

For All Saints' Day.

PSALM 133.

BEHOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard: even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

Like as the dew of Hermon: which fell upon the hill of Sion.

For there the Lord promised His blessing: and life for evermore.

The following Psalm may be said occasionally, when there has been Holy Communion:

PSALM 4.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: Thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour: and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to Himself the man that is godly: when I call upon the Lord, He will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness: and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say: Who will shew us any good?

Lord, lift Thou up: the light of Thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart: since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest: for it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered

under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads one of the short chapters following:

For the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

[1] AND they brought young children to Jesus, that He should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

For the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[2] THEN cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptised of him. But John forbad Him, saying, I have need to be baptised of Thee, and comest Thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered Him.

For the Feast of the Epiphany.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[3] NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him . . . And lo, the star which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

[1] *St. Mark* x. 13. [2] *St Matt.* iii. 13. [3] *St. Matt.* ii. 1.

For the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[1] AND, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him after the custom of the law, then took he Him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and His mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary His mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

For the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[2] AND the angel answered and said unto Mary, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; and entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: and she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

For the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

From the Revelation of St. John the Divine.

[3] THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John: who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the

[1] *St. Luke* ii. 25. [2] *St. Luke* i. 35. [3] *Rev.* i. 1.

time is at hand. John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

For the other Saints' Days.

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[1] AND seeing the multitudes, Jesus went up into a mountain: and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him: and He opened His mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

For the same.

From the Revelation of St. John the Divine.

[2] AFTER this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

The following short chapter may be read occasionally when there has been Holy Communion:

From the Book of the Prophet Zechariah, and from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[3] HOW great is the goodness of the Lord, and how great is

[1] *St. Matt.* v. 1. [2] *Rev.* vii. 9. [3] *Zech.* ix. 17.

His beauty! Corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

[1] And the disciples drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and Jesus made as though He would have gone further. But they constrained Him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And He went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight.

Then he says,

℣. The righteous shall give thanks unto Thy name,

℟. And the just shall continue in Thy sight.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, remember us with the favour Thou bearest unto Thy people,

℟. And visit us with Thy salvation.

℣. So that we that are Thy people and sheep of Thy pasture will give Thee thanks for ever.

℟. And will shew forth Thy praise from generation to generation.

℣. O Lord, remember not the offences of our youth.

℟. But according to Thy mercy, think Thou upon us, and keep us without sin.

Then all kneeling, say the following Confession and Litany:

O BLESSED Trinity, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we here assembled, prostrate in spirit before Thee, do confess in the sight of the whole court of heaven our innumerable offences committed against Thy divine majesty. We have sinned, Lord, we have sinned; we have grievously offended Thee, through the whole course of our lives, in thought, word, and deed, and therefore are most unworthy to lift up our eyes to heaven, or so much as to name Thy sacred name. But, O God, eternal Creator of all things, Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who hast made us in Thine own image, redeemed us by Thy only Son, adopted us Thy children, and shewest mercy to those who humbly and sincerely seek it, be merciful to us, O Lord, and give us a true contrition for all the sins we have committed against Thee, that being turned from all our evil ways, we may, by a sincere repentance, obtain Thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[1] *St. Luke* xxiv. 28.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord, and grant that we may ever appear before Thee with a reverence becoming Thy majesty, before whom saints and angels minister, with a heart fixed on Thy goodness, and with a fervency answering to our infinite wants;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That Thou wouldst mercifully assist us in preparing our hearts to be the temples of the Holy Ghost, that Thou, O God, mayest abide with us for ever;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to conduct us by Thy wisdom, to restrain us by Thy justice, to comfort us by Thy mercy, and to defend us by Thy power.

That we may learn to submit our reason to the obedience of faith, and so much the more exalt the wonders of Thy goodness, as they exceed the capacity of our understanding;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

If it be the Feast of the Epiphany, here say,

That we may bless and praise Thee for the defence and propagation of Thy holy Church, and the continual gathering in of Thine elect throughout the world;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

If it be the Feast of the Circumcision, here say,

That we may consecrate to Thee all our thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings, and receive thankfully from Thee whatever of joy or suffering Thou shalt appoint for us;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

If it be the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, here say,

Give us grace to do Thy will on earth with the same diligence, cheerfulness, and zeal, that Thy holy angels do it in heaven.

Give us grace to imitate them in their perfect obedience, burning devotion, profound humility, unspotted purity, unbounded charity, and thus engage their protection in all our necessities;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Fill our hearts with affection for Thy goodness, hatred of our faults, love of our neighbour, and contempt of the world.

Discover to us the nothingness of this world, the greatness of heaven, the shortness of time, and the length of eternity;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

If it be the Feast of Holy Innocents, Purification or Annunciation of the B. V. Mary, here say,

Infuse into our hearts a spirit of childlike humility and innocence, and of entire surrender of ourselves to Thee and Thy holy will.

Teach us to be submissive to our superiors, condescending to our inferiors, faithful to our friends, and charitable to our enemies;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Give us strength to subdue our passions, overcome temptations, and acquire the virtues proper for our state;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

If it be the Feast of an Apostle, Martyr, or Confessor, here say,

Assist us to follow Thy saints, in overcoming sensuality by mortification, avarice by almsdeeds, anger by meekness, and lukewarmness by devotion.

Enable us to follow their prudence in our undertakings, their courage in danger, their patience in affliction, and their meekness in prosperity.

Grant that, like them, we may be punctual at our devotions, temperate at our meals, diligent in our employments, and constant in good resolutions;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And that Thou wouldst mercifully give us perseverance in Thy grace and holy service, and unite us for ever to Thyself with the blessed company of Thy saints and holy angels.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Christ, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

Jesus, model of meekness and humility;

Jesus, model of purity and innocence;

Jesus, model of simplicity and truth,

Hear our prayers.

Jesus, pattern of meekness and gentleness;

Jesus, pattern of submission and obedience;

Jesus, pattern of charity and goodwill to men,

Graciously hear us, and have mercy upon us.

Then all say,

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Here may be said the Prayer which is to be used when there has been Holy Communion (see *Sunday Evening Prayers*, page 22). *Then he says the Collect for the particular Festival celebrated* (see *Other Festival and Saints' Day Morning Prayers*, pages 179-183); *and on the Saints' Days which fall during the seasons of Advent or Lent, he here says the Prayers which are to be used at those seasons.*

Then on all the Festivals, except those of Circumcision, Epiphany, Purification, Annunciation, and St. Michael, he here says the following Prayer:

MOST gracious God, the author of sanctity and lover of unity, whose wisdom hath established an admirable communion between the members of the same mystical body, whereof Thy Son Jesus Christ is head; we bless and praise Thy holy name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear. We celebrate with thankfulness the patient suffering and heroic devotion of Thy saints, who have glorified Thee in their lives and by their deaths. Grant, O Lord, that while we commemorate their noble deeds, and rejoice in the unspeakable happiness they now possess, we may ever remember that in their passage out of this world we are most certainly to follow them. Oh, give us grace to prepare for our last hour by a good life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden and unprovided death, but be ever watching that when Thou shalt call, we also may enter with the Bridegroom into eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

But if it be the Feast of Purification, Annunciation, or St. Michael, he says the following Prayer instead of the foregoing:

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of Thy Son, grant us grace so to follow the steps of Thy blessed saints, that we may finally attain unto Thy blissful heaven; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he says the following Thanksgiving Prayer:

O ALMIGHTY God, who observest all the actions, thoughts, and secret motions of our hearts, and who watchest over

us with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing favours and shielding us from evil, blessed be Thy holy name: and may all creatures bless Thy goodness for the benefits we have ever received from Thee, especially during this day; but, above all, for the surpassing riches of Thy mercy in creating and preserving, redeeming and sanctifying us. And Lord, we beseech Thee, never permit us to be so base and wicked as to repay Thy bounties with ingratitude, or Thy blessings with offences and injuries; but fill our hearts with a grateful spirit for Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects following, and Prayer for a blessing:

VISIT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this house and family, drive far from it all snares of the enemy, and may Thy holy angels dwell therein to keep us in peace and safety through this night; for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSIST, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by Thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from Thee, and by Thee may happily be ended; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY the almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. Amen.

The Holy Week.

PALM SUNDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣, Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 56.

BE merciful unto me, O God, for man goeth about to devour me : he is daily fighting, and troubling me.

Mine enemies are daily in hand to swallow me up : for they be many that fight against me, O thou most Highest.

Nevertheless, though I am sometime afraid : yet put I my trust in Thee.

I will praise God, because of His word ; I have put my trust in God, and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

They daily mistake my words : all that they imagine is to do me evil.

They hold all together, and keep themselves close : and mark my steps, when they lay wait for my soul.

Shall they escape for their wickedness : Thou, O God, in Thy displeasure shalt cast them down.

Thou tellest my flittings ; put my tears into Thy bottle : are not these things noted in Thy book ?

Whensoever I call upon Thee, then shall mine enemies be put to flight : this I know ; for God is on my side.

In God's word will I rejoice : in the Lord's word will I comfort me.

Yea, in God have I put my trust : I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Unto Thee, O God, will I pay my vows : unto Thee will I give thanks.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling : that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[1] AND at that time when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set Him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Then he says the usual Sentences, Confession, Litany, &c. (page 9), *to the end of the Sunday Morning Prayers; adding after the Lord's Prayer the following Collect:*

Collect for Palm Sunday.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that as on this day the Jews went forth to meet Christ with palm branches in their hands, so we and all Thy faithful people may go forth to meet Him with good works, and by Him enter into eternal joy, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

[1] *St. Matt.* xxi. 1.

PALM SUNDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 86.

BOW down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor, and in misery.

Preserve Thou my soul, for I am holy: my God, save Thy servant that putteth his trust in Thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I will call daily upon Thee.

Comfort the soul of Thy servant; for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For Thou, Lord, art good and gracious: and of great mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer: and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou hearest me.

Among the gods there is none like unto Thee, O Lord: there is not one that can do as Thou doest.

All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship Thee, O Lord: and shall glorify Thy name.

For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art God alone.

Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in Thy truth: O knit my heart unto Thee, that I may fear Thy name.

I will thank Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and will praise thy Name for evermore.

For great is Thy mercy toward me: and Thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me: and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set Thee before their eyes.

But Thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

O turn Thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me : give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and help the son of Thine handmaid.

Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed : because Thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says :

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following :

From St. Paul's First Epistle to Timothy.

[1] THIS is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners ; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on Him to life everlasting. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Then he says the usual Sentences, Confession, Litany, &c. (page 21), *to the end of the Sunday Evening Prayers ; adding after the Lord's Prayer the following Collect :*

Collect for Palm Sunday.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that as on this day the Jews went forth to meet Christ with palm branches in their hands, so we and all Thy faithful people may go forth to meet Him with good works, and by Him enter into eternal joy, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

[1] *Tim.* i. 15.

HOLY MONDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

Psalm 140.

DELIVER me, O Lord, from the evil man : and preserve me from the wicked man.

Who imagine mischief in their hearts : and stir up strife all the day long.

They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent : adder's poison is under their lips.

Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the ungodly : preserve me from the wicked men who are purposed to overthrow my goings.

The proud have laid a snare for me, and spread a net abroad with cords : yea, and set traps in my way.

I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God : hear the voice of my prayers, O Lord.

O Lord God, Thou strength of my health : Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

Let not the ungodly have his desire, O Lord : let not his mischievous imagination prosper, lest they be too proud.

Let the mischief of their own lips fall upon the head of them : that compass me about.

Let hot burning coals fall upon them : let them be cast into the fire, and into the pit, that they never rise up again.

A man full of words shall not prosper upon the earth : evil shall hunt the wicked person to overthrow him.

Sure I am that the Lord will avenge the poor : and maintain the cause of the helpless.

The righteous also shall give thanks unto Thy Name : and the just shall continue in Thy sight.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

NOW in the morning as Jesus returned into the city, He hungered. And when He saw a fig-tree in the way, He came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig-tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig-tree withered away! Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig-tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive.

Then he says the usual Sentences, Confession, Litany, &c. (page 46), *to the end of the Monday Morning Prayers; adding after the Lord's Prayer the following Collect:*

Collect for Holy Monday.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who wouldst have our Saviour to take flesh and undergo the cross, that man might imitate the example of His humility; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may both be worthy of the instruction of His patience and the fellowship of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[1] *St. Matthew* xxi. 18.

HOLY MONDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 141.

LORD I call upon Thee, haste Thee unto me : and consider my voice when I cry unto Thee.

Let my prayer be set forth in Thy sight as the incense : and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth : and keep the door of my lips.

O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing : let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness, lest I eat of such things as please them.

Let the righteous rather smite me friendly : and reprove me.

But let not their precious balms break my head : yea, I will pray yet against their wickedness.

Let their judges be overthrown in stony places : that they may hear my words, for they are sweet.

Our bones lie scattered before the pit : like as when one breaketh and heweth wood upon the earth.

But mine eyes look unto Thee, O Lord God : in Thee is my trust, O cast not out my soul.

Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me : and from the traps of the wicked doers.

Let the ungodly fall into their own nets together : and let me ever escape them.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[1] AT that time Jesus said, Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: and when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto Him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard His parables, they perceived that He spake of them. But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitude, because they took Him for a prophet.

Then he says the usual Sentences, Confession, Litany, &c. (page 71), *to the end of the Monday Evening Prayers; adding after the Lord's Prayer the following Collect:*

Collect for Holy Monday.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who wouldst have our Saviour to take flesh and undergo the cross, that man might imitate the example of His humility; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may both be worthy of the instruction of His patience and the fellowship of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[1] *St. Matthew* xxi. 33.

HOLY TUESDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 142.

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice : yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

I poured out my complaints before Him : and shewed Him of my trouble.

When my spirit was in heaviness Thou knewest my path : in the way wheren I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

I looked also upon my right hand : and saw there was no man that would know me.

I had no place to flee unto : and no man cared for my soul.

I cried unto Thee, O Lord, and said : Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.

Consider my complaint : for I am brought very low.

O deliver me from my persecutors : for they are too strong for me.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto Thy name : which thing if Thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

[1] AND it came to pass when Jesus had finished all His sayings, He said unto His disciples, Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of Man is betrayed to be crucified. Then assembled together the chief priests, and scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas. And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill Him. But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.

Then he says the usual Sentences, Confession, Litany, &c. (page 46), *to the end of the Tuesday Morning Prayers; adding after the Lord's Prayer the following Collect:*

Collect for Holy Tuesday.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who wouldst have our Saviour to take flesh and undergo the cross, that man might imitate the example of His humility; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may both be worthy of the instruction of His patience and the fellowship of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[1] *St. Matthew* xxvi. 1.

HOLY TUESDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 143.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire : hearken unto me for Thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant : for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground : he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit vexed within me : and my heart within me is desolate.

Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all Thy works : yea, I exercise myself in the works of Thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto Thee : my soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint : hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

O let me hear Thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee is my trust : shew Thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies : for I flee unto Thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my God : let Thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy name's sake : and for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of Thy goodness slay mine enemies : and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am Thy servant.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

[1] AND being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as Jesus sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on His head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on Me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but Me ye have not always. She hath done what she could; she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

Then he says the usual Sentences, Confession, Litany, &c. (page 71), *to the end of the Tuesday Evening Prayers; adding after the Lord's Prayer the following Collect:*

Collect for Holy Tuesday.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who wouldst have our Saviour to take flesh and undergo the cross, that man might imitate the example of His humility; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may both be worthy of the instruction of His patience and the fellowship of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[1] *St. Mark* xiv. 3.

HOLY WEDNESDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PART OF PSALM 109, v. 1.

HOLD not Thy tongue, O God of my praise : for the mouth of the ungodly, yea, the mouth of the deceitful is opened upon me.

For the love that I had unto them, lo, they take now my contrary part : but I give myself unto prayer.

Thus have they rewarded me evil for good : and hatred for my good will.

Set Thou an ungodly man to be ruler over him : and let Satan stand at his right hand.

When sentence is given upon him, let him be condemned : and let his prayer be turned into sin.

Let his days be few : and let another take his office.

Let his children be fatherless : and his wife a widow.

His delight was in cursing, and it shall happen unto him : he loved not blessing, therefore shall it be far from him.

Let it thus happen from the Lord unto mine enemies : and to those that speak evil against my soul.

But deal Thou with me, O Lord God, according unto Thy name : for sweet is Thy mercy.

O deliver me, for I am helpless and poor : and my heart is wounded within me.

I became also a reproach unto them : they that looked upon me shaked their heads.

Help me, O Lord my God : O save me according to Thy mercy ;

And they shall know, how that this is Thy hand : and that Thou, Lord, hast done it.

Though they curse, yet bless Thou : and let them be confounded that rise up against me ; but let Thy servant rejoice.

As for me, I will give great thanks unto the Lord with my mouth : and praise Him among the multitude ;

For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor : to save his soul from unrighteous judges.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[1]NOW the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill Jesus; for they feared the people. Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray Him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

Then he says,

℣. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
℟. And make us to fear and praise Thy name.
℣. O Lord, cleanse Thou us from our sins.
℟. And from all our enemies defend us.

Then all kneeling, say the usual Litany, Confession, &c. (page 87), *to the end of the Wednesday and Friday Morning Prayers, adding after the Lord's Prayer the following Collect:*

Collect for Holy Wednesday.

O CHRIST, God over all blessed for ever, who didst endure to be treacherously betrayed by wicked Judas, who didst adjudge him the punishment of his guilt, but didst also award the penitent thief the reward of his confession; grant us, we beseech Thee, the effects of Thy mercy, that as in Thy passion Thou gavest to each different retribution according to their deserts — so Thou wouldst take from us our old errors, and grant us the grace of Thy resurrection; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

[1] *St. Luke* xxii. 1.

HOLY WEDNESDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 52.

WHY boastest thou thyself, thou tyrant: that thou canst do mischief;

Whereas the goodness of God: endureth yet daily?

Thy tongue imagineth wickedness: and with lies thou cuttest like a sharp razor.

Thou hast loved unrighteousness more than goodness: and to talk of lies more than righteousness.

Thou hast loved to speak all words that may do hurt: O thou false tongue.

Therefore shall God destroy thee for ever: he shall take thee, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling, and root thee out of the land of the living.

The righteous also shall see this, and fear: and shall laugh him to scorn;

Lo, this is the man that took not God for his strength: but trusted unto the multitude of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

As for me, I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God: my trust is in the tender mercy of God for ever and ever.

I will always give thanks unto Thee for that Thou hast done: and I will hope in Thy name, for Thy saints like it well.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

[1] THEN took they Jesus, and led Him, and brought Him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with Him. And he denied Him, saying, Woman, I know Him not. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with Him: for he is a Galilæan. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said unto Him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny Me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

Then he says,

℣. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
℟. And make us to fear and praise Thy name.
℣. O Lord, cleanse Thou us from our sins.
℟. And from all our enemies defend us.

Then all kneeling, say the usual Litany, Confession, &c. (page 103), *to the end of the Wednesday and Friday Evening Prayers, adding after the Lord's Prayer the following Collect:*

Collect for Holy Wednesday.

O CHRIST, God over all blessed for ever, who didst endure to be treacherously betrayed by wicked Judas, who didst adjudge him the punishment of his guilt, but didst also award the penitent thief the reward of his confession; grant us, we beseech Thee, the effects of Thy mercy, that as in Thy passion Thou gavest to each different retribution according to their deserts, so Thou wouldst take from us our old errors, and grant us the grace of Thy resurrection; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

[1] *St. Luke* xxii 54.

MAUNDAY THURSDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 64.

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

Hide me from the gathering together of the froward: and from the insurrection of wicked doers.

Who have whet their tongue like a sword: and shoot out their arrows, even bitter words;

That they may privily shoot at him that is perfect: suddenly do they hit him, and fear not.

They encourage themselves in mischief: and commune among themselves how they may lay snares, and say, that no man shall see them.

They imagine wickedness, and practise it: that they keep secret among themselves, every man in the deep of his heart.

But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a swift arrow: that they shall be wounded.

Yea, their own tongues shall make them fall: insomuch that whoso seeth them shall laugh them to scorn.

And all men that see it shall say, This hath God done: for they shall perceive that it is His work.

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and put his trust in Him: and all they that are true of heart shall be glad.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

[1]NOW before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end. And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He was come from God and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel, and girded Himself. After that He poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded. Then cometh He to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto Him, Lord, dost Thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto Him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with Me. Simon Peter saith unto Him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For He knew who should betray Him; therefore said He, Ye are not all clean. So after He had washed their feet, and had taken His garments, and was set down again, He said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Then he says,

℣. Lord, Thou hast become gracious unto Thy land.
℟. And hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
℣. The love of Christ hath gathered us together into one.
℟. Let us rejoice and be glad before Him.
℣. Let us bless and thank the Lord.
℟. Because He has wrought His mercy on us.
℣. Let us fear and love the Lord God.
℟. And search ourselves with a true heart.

[1] *St. John* xiii. 1.

℣. O God, make us to be of one heart and mind.
℟. And graciously preserve us from all strife and sin.

Then all kneeling, say the following Confession and Litany:

O ALMIGHTY Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through our fault, through our great and grievous fault; and we present ourselves before Thy eyes, humbly beseeching Thee not to consider the multitude of our offences, but to remember Thy infinite mercy. Give us, O Lord, a true contrition for all the sins we have committed against Thee, that being turned from all our evil ways, we may, by a sincere repentance, obtain Thy peace; for the sake of the merits of Thy blessed Son's most sacred passion, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God the Father of heaven, God the Son, Redeemer of the world, God the Holy Ghost,

Have mercy on us.

O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God,

Have mercy on us.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us, and pardon our sins.

Through Thy inflamed desire to redeem mankind,

Have mercy on us.

Through Thy humility in washing, as on this day, the feet of Thy disciples, and even those of the traitor Judas,

Have mercy on us.

Through Thy ineffable love, manifested, as on this day, in the institution of the Communion of Thy most precious body and blood,

Have mercy on us.

Through the prayer Thou didst, as on this day, thrice repeat in the garden of Olives, when in Thy most bitter agony Thou didst sweat great drops of blood falling to the ground,

Have mercy on us.

Through the blows, buffets, and opprobrious usage, which Thou the God of heaven didst endure the night before Thy crucifixion,

Spare us, we beseech Thee, and deliver us, O Lord.

From all evil, from all sin, &c.

Then continue with the usual Litany, &c. (page 47), *to the end of the Thursday Morning Prayers, adding after the Lord's Prayer the following Collect:*

Collect for Maunday Thursday.

O CHRIST, God over all blessed for ever, who didst endure to be treacherously betrayed by wicked Judas, who didst adjudge him the punishment of his guilt, but didst also award the penitent thief the reward of his confession; grant us, we beseech Thee, the effects of Thy mercy, that as in Thy passion Thou gavest to each different retribution according to their deserts, so Thou wouldst take from us our old errors, and grant us the grace of Thy resurrection; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

MAUNDAY THURSDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 120.

WHEN I was in trouble I called upon the Lord : and He heard me.

Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips : and from a deceitful tongue.

What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue : even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.

Wo is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Mesech : and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar.

My soul hath long dwelt among them : that are enemies unto peace.

I labour for peace, but when I speak unto them thereof : they make them ready to battle.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

[1] AND in the evening He cometh with the twelve. And as they sat, and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with Me shall betray Me. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto Him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? And He answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve that dippeth with Me in the dish. The Son of Man indeed goeth, as it is written of Him: but wo to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed: good were it for that man if he had never been born. And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is My body. And He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And He said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God. And when they had sung an hymn they went out into the mount of Olives.

Then he says,

℣. Lord, Thou hast become gracious unto Thy land.
℟. And hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
℣. The love of Christ hath gathered us together into one.
℟. Let us rejoice and be glad before Him.
℣. Let us bless and thank the Lord.
℟. Because He has wrought His mercy on us.
℣. Let us fear and love the Lord God.
℟. And search ourselves with a true heart.
℣. O God, make us to be of one heart and mind.
℟. And graciously preserve us from all strife and sin.

Then all kneeling, say the following Confession and Litany:

O ALMIGHTY Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through our fault, through our great and grievous fault; and we present ourselves before Thy eyes, humbly beseeching Thee not to consider the multitude of our offences, but to remember Thy infinite mercies. Give us, O Lord, a true contrition for all the sins we have committed against Thee, that being turned from all our evil ways, we may, by a sincere repentance, obtain Thy peace; for the sake of the merits of Thy blessed Son's most sacred passion, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God the Father of heaven, God the Son, Redeemer of the world, God the Holy Ghost,

[1] *St. Mark* xiv. 17.

Have mercy on us.

O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God,

Have mercy on us.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us, and pardon our sins.

Through Thy inflamed desire to redeem mankind,

Have mercy on us.

Through Thy humility in washing, as on this day, the feet of Thy disciples, and even those of the traitor Judas,

Have mercy on us.

Through Thy ineffable love, manifested, as on this day, in the institution of the Communion of Thy most precious body and blood,

Have mercy on us.

Through the prayer Thou didst, as on this day, thrice repeat in the garden of Olives, when in Thy most bitter agony Thou didst sweat great drops of blood falling to the ground,

Have mercy on us.

Through the blows, buffets, and opprobrious usage, which Thou the God of Heaven didst endure the night before Thy crucifixion,

Spare us, we beseech Thee, and deliver us, O Lord.

From all irreligion, from the neglect, &c.

Then continue with the usual Litany, &c. (page 72), *to the end of the Thursday Evening Prayers, adding after the Lord's Prayer the following Collect:*

Collect for Maunday Thursday.

O CHRIST, God over all blessed for ever, who didst endure to be treacherously betrayed by wicked Judas, who didst adjudge him the punishment of his guilt, but didst also award the penitent thief the reward of his confession; grant us, we beseech Thee, the effects of Thy mercy, that as in Thy passion Thou gavest to each different retribution according to their deserts, so Thou wouldst take from us our old errors, and grant us the grace of Thy resurrection; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

GOOD-FRIDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PART OF PSALM 59, v. 1.

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O God : defend me from them that rise up against me.

O deliver me from the wicked doers : and save me from the bloodthirsty men.

For lo, they lie waiting for my soul : the mighty men are gathered against me ; without any offence or fault of me, O Lord.

They run and prepare themselves without my fault : arise Thou therefore to help me, and behold.

Stand up, O Lord God of hosts, Thou God of Israel, to visit all the heathen : and be not merciful unto them that offend of malicious wickedness.

They go to and fro in the evening : they grin like a dog, and run about through the city.

Behold, they speak with their mouth, and swords are in their lips : for who doth hear ?

But Thou, O Lord, shalt have them in derision : and Thou shalt laugh all the heathen to scorn.

My strength will I ascribe unto Thee : for Thou art the God of my refuge.

God sheweth me His goodness plenteously : and God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah; from the Holy Gospels according to St. John and Luke; from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews; and from the First General Epistle of St. Peter.

[1]THE Lord God hath opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. I gave My back to the smiters, and My cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not My face from shame and spitting.

[2] But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; and with His stripes we are healed.

[3] Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote Him with their hands. . . . . Then afterwards the soldiers took Jesus, and led Him away. And He bearing His cross went forth into a place called the place of a scull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified Him, and two other with Him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

[4] Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

[5] Brethren, consider Him that endureth such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

[6] Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously: who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Then he says,

℣. We adore and bless Thee, O Lord Christ.

℟. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, remember Thy compassions;

℟. And Thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

℣. Behold our humility and trouble;

℟. And forgive us all our sin.

℣. O Lord, hear our prayer;

℟. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Then all kneeling, say the following Litany and Confession:

REMEMBER not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our forefathers, and take not vengeance of our sins. Spare

[1] *Isaiah* l. 5. [2] *Isaiah* liii. 5. [3] *St. John* xix. 1.
[4] *St. Luke* xxiii. 34. [5] *Heb.* xii. 3. [6] 1 *St. Pet.* ii. 22.

us, O Lord, we beseech Thee. Christ have mercy upon us, and graciously vouchsafe to receive our prayers.

O God the Father, Creator of the world,

Have mercy on us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind,

Have mercy on us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Dispenser of all grace and comfort,

Have mercy on us.

O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God,

Have mercy on us, and spare us.

For we have sinned against Thee. As we have grown in years, we have multiplied the number of our offences, and every day Thy goodness adds to our lives, our wickedness increases the number of our transgressions.

Have mercy on us.

We have sinned against Thee in the vain thoughts and unlawful desires of our hearts, in the idle talk and perverse words of our mouth, in the wicked works and fruitless course of our lives.

Have mercy on us.

We have sinned against Thee by our ingratitude for Thy blessings, and our impatience under Thy chastisements, by preferring ourselves, and the satisfaction of our own inordinate appetites and desires, before Thee and the observance of Thy holy commandments.

Have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God, and according to the greatness of Thy tender compassions pardon the multitude of our grievous offences.

O Christ, hear us, and have mercy on us.

Through the reproaches, blasphemies, and persecutions, which Thou the eternal God enduredest from wicked and perverse men;

Have mercy on us.

Through the cruel mockings, buffetings, and scourgings, through the spitting on Thy divine face, and the striking of Thy sacred head, and through the scornful adoration which Thou, the Lord of life and glory, didst meekly endure from those whom Thou hadst Thyself created;

Have mercy on us.

Through the painful stretching of Thy sacred body on the cross, and the fastening of Thy hands and feet thereto with nails; through the anguish of mind and torment of body which Thou, the great God, enduredst unto death;

Have mercy on us.

Through Thy glorious resurrection from death to life on the third day, through Thy admirable ascension into heaven, and through the descent of the Holy Ghost on the apostles and Gentile converts;

Have mercy on us.

Through all Thy actions and sufferings during thirty-three years' sojourning among men, and by all that is pleasing to Thy divine Majesty in heaven and earth;

Spare us, we beseech Thee, and deliver us, O Lord.

From all evil, from all sin, from anger, hatred, and malice, from unclean thoughts, and from all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

O Lord, deliver us.

From battle and murder, from pestilence and famine, from all dangers, whether of mind or body, and from everlasting death,

O Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us; and grant that we may ever come before Thee as petitioners whose wants are infinite, who can have no supply but from Thy bounty; and as humble and unhappy criminals, who stand sentenced to the torments of everlasting death, and can have no deliverance but from Thy mercy;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And that it may please Thee to lead us to a true repentance, and pour into our hearts the graces of Thy Holy Spirit;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And may it please Thee to defend and propagate Thy Holy Church; to have mercy on all Jews, infidels, heretics, and to bring them home to the true fold, to the praise and glory of Thy holy name;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And that Thou wouldst mercifully grant us true peace, humility, and charity, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give us perseverance in Thy grace and holy service, and unite us with the blessed company of Thy saints and holy angels;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, and have mercy upon us.

Then all say,

OUR Father, &c.

If Good-Friday falls on the Feast of the Annunciation of the B. V. Mary, he here says the special Collect for that Festival (see *Saints'-Day Prayers*, page 181).

Then he says the following Collects for Good-Friday Morning:

O LORD Jesu Christ, who at early morning didst vouchsafe to be spit on and buffeted for our sakes, and who at the same hour didst rise with glory from the dead; grant that we may patiently endure revilings and reproaches for the glory of Thy name; grant that we may rise from sin to holiness, and see Thee with Thy disciples in Galilee; who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who for our salvation didst stretch forth Thy hands upon the cross, and didst receive five wounds thereon; pitifully receive within the arms of Thy mercy us Thy servants, who fly to Thee for aid, and relieve the wounds of our souls by Thy healing grace; that being cleansed from the defilements of sin, we may be made the temple of the Holy Ghost, who with the Almighty Father livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then he says the following Thanksgiving Prayer:

O ALMIGHTY God, who observest all the actions, thoughts, and secret motions of our hearts, and who watchest over us with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing favours and shielding us from evil, blessed be Thy holy name: and may all creatures bless Thy goodness for the benefits we have ever received from Thee, especially during the night past; but, above all, for the surpassing riches of Thy mercy, in creating and preserving, redeeming and sanctifying us.

And, Lord, we beseech Thee, never permit us to be so base and wicked as to repay Thy bounties with ingratitude, or Thy blessings with offences and injuries; but fill our hearts with a grateful spirit for Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then he says the two Collects and Prayer for a blessing, as in Sunday and Week-Day Morning Prayers (see pages 12, 50, 90).

GOOD-FRIDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 54.

SAVE me, O God, for Thy name's sake: and avenge me in Thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God: and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me: and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: destroy Thou them in Thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give Thee, and praise Thy name, O Lord: because it is so comfortable.

For He hath delivered me out of all my trouble: and mine eye hath seen His desire upon mine enemies.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

The short chapter is taken from the Lamentations of the Prophet Jeremiah; from the Holy Gospels according to St. Luke and St. John; from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews; and from the First General Epistle of St. Peter.

[1] IS it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto My sorrow. Hear, I pray you, all people, and behold My sorrow.

[2] And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified Jesus, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. . . . And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided Him, saying, He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be Christ, the chosen of God.

[3] After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a spunge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost.

[4] Brethren, Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps.

[5] Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right-hand of the throne of God.

[6] Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind.

Then he says,

℣. We thank and worship Thee, O Christ.

℟. Who by virtue of Thy cross hath offered to us everlasting health and defence.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟. And by the sprinkling of Thy blood wash away our sins, and lead us to the joys of heaven.

Then all kneeling, say the following Litany and Confession:

REMEMBER not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our forefathers, and take not vengeance of our sins. Spare us, O Lord, we beseech Thee. Christ have mercy on us, and graciously vouchsafe to receive our prayers.

O God the Father, Creator of the world,
Have mercy on us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind,
Have mercy on us.

[1] *Lam.* i. 12. [2] *St. Luke* xxiii. 33. [3] *St. John* xix. 28.
[4] 1 *St. Pet.* ii. 21. [5] *Heb.* xii. 2. [6] 1 *St. Pet.* iv. 1.

O God the Holy Ghost, Dispenser of all grace and comfort,
Have mercy on us.
O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God,
Have mercy on us, and spare us.

For we have sinned against Thee. We have sinned against Thee in not doing to others as we would they should do unto us, and against our own souls in pursuing more eagerly the things of this life than those which belong to our eternal happiness.

Have mercy on us.

We have sinned against Thee in delaying our repentance, and breaking the solemn promise of amending our lives; in exposing ourselves to the danger of temptation, and often omitting the opportunities of serving Thee; while even our best endeavours are full of imperfections.

Have mercy on us.

We have sinned in not profiting by the talents of grace and nature which Thy bounty has committed to us for our improvement, in idly spending that precious time, and unthankfully neglecting those gracious means which Thy goodness allows us for the work of our salvation.

Have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God, and according to the greatness of Thy tender compassion, pardon the multitude of our grievous offences.

O Christ hear us, and have mercy upon us.

Through Thy meekly suffering Thyself, the Judge of heaven and earth, to be dragged as on this day to Pilate's judgment-seat and there condemned; through Thy permitting Thyself, the King of heaven, to be crowned with thorns and oppressed with the weight of Thy own cross;

Have mercy on us.

Through the painful stretching of Thy sacred Body on the cross, and the fastening of Thy hands and feet thereto with nails; through the anguish of mind and torment of body which Thou, the great God, enduredst unto death;

Have mercy on us.

Through Thy profound humility and unwearied patience; through Thy lamb-like meekness, and spotless innocence;

Have mercy on us.

Through Thy invincible courage, perfect resignation, and

compassionate love of souls; and through Thy excessive charity in praying for Thy persecutors and murderers in the midst of Thy untold sufferings;

Have mercy on us.

Through Thy glorious resurrection from death to life on the third day; through Thy admirable ascension into heaven; and through the descent of the Holy Ghost on the apostles and Gentile converts;

Have mercy on us.

Through all Thy actions and sufferings during thirty-three years' sojourning among men, and by all that is pleasing to Thy divine majesty in heaven and earth;

Spare us, we beseech Thee, and deliver us, O Lord.

From all evil, from all sin, from anger, hatred, and malice, from unclean thoughts, and from all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

O Lord, deliver us.

From battle and murder, from pestilence and famine, from all dangers whether of mind or body, and from everlasting death,

O Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord; and grant that we may ever come before Thee as petitioners whose wants are infinite, who can have no supply but from Thy bounty, and as humble and unhappy criminals, who stand sentenced to the torments of everlasting death, and can have no deliverance but from Thy mercy;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And that it may please Thee to lead us to a true repentance, and pour into our hearts the grace of Thy Holy Spirit;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And that it may please Thee to defend and propagate Thy holy Church; to have mercy on all Jews, infidels, heretics, and to bring them home to the true fold, to the praise and glory of Thy holy name;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And that Thou wouldst mercifully grant us true peace, humility, and charity; that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give us perseverance in Thy grace and holy service, and unite us with the blessed company of Thy saints and holy angels;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, and have mercy upon us.

Then all say,

OUR Father, &c.

If Good-Friday falls on the Feast of the Annunciation of the B. V. Mary, he here says the special Collect for that Festival (see *Saints'-Day Prayers*, page 181).

Then he says the following Collects for Good-Friday Evening:

O LORD Jesu Christ, who at the hour of even didst give to Thy disciples the mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, and who in the same hour wast removed from the cross; remove from our minds the sins and wickedness which we have committed, that with a pure heart we may receive these mysteries, and that they may be to us a remedy for sin, both here and hereafter; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who at the hour of night didst for sorrow suffer a bloody sweat, and who in the same hour wast buried with great lamentation by the women; take from us sorrow, give us true joy, and bury us in faith from the vanities of the world; draw forth also from our eyes the tears of living sorrow, that while we mourn Thy sufferings we may receive Thy consolation both here and in the kingdom of glory; who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Then he says the following Thanksgiving Prayer:

O ALMIGHTY God, who observest all the actions, thoughts, and secret motions of our hearts, and who watchest over us with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing favours and shielding us from evil, blessed be Thy holy name: and may all creatures bless Thy goodness for the benefits we have ever received from Thee, especially during this day; but, above all, for the surpassing riches of Thy mercy, in creating and preserving, redeeming and sanctifying us. And, Lord, we be-

seech Thee, never permit us to be so base and wicked as to repay Thy bounties with ingratitude, or Thy blessings with offences and injuries; but fill our hearts with a grateful spirit for Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

hen he says the two Collects and Prayer for a blessing, as in Sunday and Week-Day Evening Prayers (see pages 23, 74, 106).

HOLY SATURDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PSALM 16.

PRESERVE me, O God : for in Thee have I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord : Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto Thee.

All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth : and upon such as excel in virtue.

But they that run after another god : shall have great trouble.

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer : neither make mention of their names within my lips.

The Lord Himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup : Thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lot has fallen unto me in a fair ground : yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning : my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

I have set God always before me : for He is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced : my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell : neither shalt thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the path of life ; in Thy presence is the fulness of joy : and at Thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

[1] AND the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: and when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; and said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not My Father's house an house of merchandise. And His disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of Thine house hath eaten me up. Then answered the Jews and said unto Him, What sign shewest Thou unto us, seeing that Thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt Thou rear it up in three days? But He spake of the temple of His body. When therefore He was risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

Then he says the usual Sentences, Confession, Litany, &c. (page 46), *to the end of the Saturday Morning Prayers; adding after the Lord's Prayer the following Collect:*

Collect for Holy Saturday Morning.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptised into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so, by continual mortifying our corrupt affections, we may be buried with Him, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[1] *St. John* ii. 13.

HOLY SATURDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

All standing, the head of the family (or the priest or deacon, if present) says:

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. ℟. As it was, &c.

Then he says the following Psalm:

PART OF PSALM 31, v. 1.

IN Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in Thy righteousness.

I will be glad, and rejoice in Thy mercy: for Thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: but hast set my feet in a large room.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.

I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind: I am become like a broken vessel.

For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude: and fear is on every side, while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.

But my hope hath been in Thee, O Lord: I have said, Thou art my God.

O how plentiful is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee: and that Thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in Thee, even before the sons of men!

Thou shalt hide them privily by Thine own presence from the provoking of all men: Thou shalt keep them secretly in Thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.

Thanks be to the Lord: for He hath shewed me marvellous great kindness in a strong city.

And when I made haste, I said: I am cast out of the sight of Thine eyes.

Nevertheless, Thou heardest the voice of my prayer: when I cried unto Thee.

O love the Lord, all ye His saints: for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful, and plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.

Be strong, and He shall establish your heart: all ye that put your trust in the Lord.

Then all say,

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

Then he says,

MAY the reading of the Holy Word (*or* Holy Gospel) be unto us salvation and protection. Amen.

Then he reads the short chapter following:

From the Book of the Prophet Hosea, and from the Holy Gospels according to St. Matthew and St. John.

[1] COME, and let us return unto the Lord: for He hath torn and He will heal us, He hath smitten and He will bind us up. After two days will He revive us; in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight.

[2] Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees said unto Jesus, Master, we would see a sign from Thee. But He answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: for as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

[3] And Jesus said unto His disciples, The hour is come that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

Then he says the usual Sentences, Confession, Litany, &c. (page 71), *to the end of Saturday Evening Prayers; adding after the Lord's Prayer the following Collect:*

Collect for Holy Saturday Evening.

O GOD, who dost illuminate this most holy night by the glory of our Lord's resurrection; mercifully grant that we, and all those whom Thou hast washed by the waters of baptism, may be defended by Thy continual protection, and, renewed in body and mind, may exhibit a pure service in Thy sight, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

[1] *Hosea* vi. 1. [2] *St. Matt.* xii. 38. [3] *St. John* xii. 23.

Family Prayers.

APPENDIX.

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COLLECTS AND PRAYERS FOR PARTICULAR DAYS AND SEASONS, AND WHICH MAY BE SAID IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LORD'S PRAYER.

For seven days after Christmas.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; grant that we being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For Wednesday in Easter-week, and four days after.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may alway serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For seven days after Ascension-day.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who believe that Thy only-begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended into heaven, may ourselves also in mind dwell on heavenly things; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Wednesday in Whitsun-week, and four days after.

O GOD, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit; grant that we may, by the gift of the same Spirit, be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Vigil of a Saint.

GRANT, O Lord, that while we anticipate with joy the festivals of Thy blessed saints, we may never forget the strait gate and narrow way by which they entered into Thy kingdom; and so strengthen us with Thy grace, that we, following their good examples, may be also worthy when Thou shalt call us to enter into their joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Festival of any Saint.

O GOD, who dost inspire us with joy by the annual solemnity of blessed ———; mercifully grant that we may imitate the actions of *him* (*or her*) whose festival we celebrate; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Rogation Days.

O GOD, our Creator and preserver, who dost give us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, and at this time fillest all things living with plenteousness; forgive us, we beseech Thee, our ingratitude for these Thy so great and inestimable benefits; and as Thou dost mercifully spare when we deserve punishment, and in wrath thinkest upon mercy, O be favourable, be favourable unto Thy people. From lightning and tempest, from plague, pestilence, and famine, from battle and murder, and from sudden death, O Lord, deliver us. Graciously preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, with all other bounties of Thy providence; and grant that we may use the same to Thy glory, for the relief of those in need as well as for our own support; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Unity.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that as there is but one body, and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this:

O HOLY Jesus, King of the saints and Prince of the holy Catholic Church; preserve Thy spouse, which Thou hast purchased with Thy right hand, and redeemed and cleansed with Thy blood, even the whole Catholic Church from one end of the earth even to the other. O preserve her safe from schism, heresy, and sacrilege. Unite all her members with the bands of faith, hope, and charity, and an external communion, when it shall seem good in Thine eyes. Let her daily sacrifice of prayer and praise, and of sacramental thanksgiving, never cease; but be for ever presented unto Thee, and for ever united to the intercession of her dearest Lord, and for ever prevail for the obtaining for every one of her members grace and blessing, pardon and salvation. Amen.

Or this:

GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech Thee for Thy holy Catholic Church, and especially for that branch of it to which we belong, that Thou wouldst be pleased to fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, rectify it; when any thing is amiss, reform it; when it is right, strengthen and confirm it; when it is in want, furnish it; when it is

divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it: O Thou Holy One of Israel. Amen.

Thanksgiving for a Child baptised.

O ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, and the well-spring of divine graces, who hast been pleased this day to regenerate this infant, by water and the Holy Ghost in holy baptism, thereby receiving *him* into the number of Thy children, and making *him* an heir of everlasting life in the communion of Thy glorious saints; we praise and magnify Thy name for this Thy great goodness to *him* and all Thy children. O Lord, strengthen *him*, we beseech Thee, with that blessed Spirit of Thine, the Ghostly Comforter; and daily increase in *him* Thy manifold gifts of grace,—the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill *him*, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear; even through Him who hath sent down the Spirit upon His Church, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for a Sick Person.

O ALMIGHTY and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, upon our dear *brother*, now lying on the bed of sickness. Restore *him* to health, if it be Thy will; deliver *him* in Thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain; and save *his* soul, for Thy mercies' sake. Grant, O Lord, this our prayer; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Prayers which may be said on a Friend's Death or Burial.

GRANT, O God, that while we here lament the departure of our dear *brother*, we may always remember that we are most certainly to follow *him*. Give us grace to prepare for that last hour by a good life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden and unprovided death, but be ever watching, that when Thou shalt call we may with the Bridegroom enter into eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOST wise and merciful God, who hast ordained this life as a passage to the future, confining our repentance to the time of our pilgrimage here, and reserving for hereafter the state of punishment and reward; by Thy grace enable us who are yet alive, and still have opportunity of reconciliation with Thee, so to watch over all our actions, and correct every the least deviation from the true way to heaven, that we be neither surprised with our sins uncancelled, nor with our duties imperfect; but when our bodies go down into the grave our souls may ascend to Thee, and dwell for ever in the mansions of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

PSALMS NOT INCLUDED IN THE BODY OF THE WORK.

Exhortation to praise God for His mercies and wonderful works.

PSALM 29.

BRING unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord: ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

Give the Lord the honour due unto His name: worship the Lord with holy worship.

It is the Lord that commandeth

the waters : it is the glorious God, that maketh the thunder.

It is the Lord, that ruleth the sea ; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation : the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees : yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

He maketh them also to skip like a calf : Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire ; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness : yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes : in His temple doth every man speak of His honour.

The Lord sitteth above the water-flood : and the Lord remaineth a king for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto His people : the Lord shall give His people the blessing of peace.

Exhortation to praise and fear God.

PSALM 34.

I WILL alway give thanks unto the Lord : His praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify His name together.

I sought the Lord, and He heard me : yea, He delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto Him, and were lightened : and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear Him : and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

O fear the Lord, ye that are His saints : for they that fear Him lack nothing.

The lions do lack and suffer hunger : but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that lusteth to live : and would fain see good days ?

Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

Eschew evil and do good : seek peace, and ensue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous : and His ears are open unto their prayers.

The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil : to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them : and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart : and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

He keepeth all his bones : so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly : and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of His servants : and all they that put their trust in Him shall not be destitute.

Thanksgiving for the fruits of the earth, with allusion to spiritual fruits.

PSALM 65.

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion : and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer : unto Thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me : O be Thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and receivest unto Thee : he shall dwell in Thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.

Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in Thy righteousness, O God of our salvation : Thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in His strength setteth fast the mountains : and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea : and the noise of His waves, and the madness of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at Thy tokens : Thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise Thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : Thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water : Thou preparest their corn, for so Thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows, Thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : Thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness : and Thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness : and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep : the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

Thanksgiving for recovery from sickness.

PSALM 30.

I WILL magnify Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast set me up : and not made my foes to triumph over me.

O Lord, my God, I cried unto Thee : and Thou hast healed me.

Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell : Thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of His : and give thanks unto Him for a remembrance of His holiness.

For His wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in His pleasure is life : heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed : Thou, Lord, of Thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.

Thou didst turn Thy face from me : and I was troubled.

Then cried I unto Thee, O Lord : and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

What profit is there in my blood : when I go down to the pit?

Shall the dust give thanks unto Thee : or shall it declare Thy truth?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me : Lord, be Thou my helper.

Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy : Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

Therefore shall every good man sing of Thy praise without ceasing : O my God, I will give thanks unto Thee for ever.

Thanksgiving for escape from danger.

PSALM 124.

IF the Lord Himself had not been on our side, now may Israel

say : if the Lord Himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us ;

They had swallowed us up quick : when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.

Yea, the waters had drowned us : and the stream had gone over our soul.

The deep waters of the proud : had gone even over our soul.

But praised be the Lord : who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.

Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler : the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

Our help standeth in the name of the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

Psalm which may be said after a Marriage.

PSALM 128.

BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord : and walk in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands : O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine : upon the walls of thine house.

Thy children like the olive-branches : round about thy table.

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed : that feareth the Lord.

The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee : that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long ;

Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children : and peace upon Israel.

After a Birth in the Family:

PSALM 127.

EXCEPT the Lord build the house : their labour is but lost that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city : the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness : for so He giveth His beloved sleep.

Lo, children and the fruit of the womb : are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant : even so are the young children.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them : they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Comfort in God's word and keeping His commandments.

PART OF PSALM 119, v. 41.

LET Thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord : even Thy salvation, according unto Thy word.

So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers : for my trust is in Thy word.

O take not the word of Thy truth utterly out of my mouth : for my hope is in Thy judgments.

So shall I alway keep Thy law : yea, for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty : for I seek Thy commandments.

I will speak of Thy testimonies also, even before kings : and will not be ashamed.

And my delight shall be in Thy commandments: which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto Thy commandments : which I have loved : and my study shall be in Thy statutes.

V. 57.

THOU art my portion, O Lord : I have promised to keep Thy law.

I made my humble petition in Thy presence with my whole heart : O be merciful unto me, according to Thy word.

I called mine own ways to remembrance : and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.

I made haste, and prolonged not the time : to keep Thy commandments.

The congregations of the ungodly

have robbed me : but I have not forgotten Thy law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee : because of Thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear Thee : and keep Thy commandments.

The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy : O teach me Thy statutes.

V. 73.

THY hands have made me and fashioned me : O give me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments.

They that fear Thee will be glad when they see me : because I have put my trust in Thy word.

I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right : and that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

O let Thy merciful kindness be my comfort : according to Thy word unto Thy servant.

O let Thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live : for Thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me : but I will be occupied in Thy commandments.

Let such as fear Thee, and have known Thy testimonies : be turned unto me.

O let my heart be sound in Thy statutes : that I be not ashamed.

V. 121.

I DEAL with the thing that is lawful and right : O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

Make Thou Thy servant to delight in that which is good : that the proud do me no wrong.

Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for Thy health : and for the word of Thy righteousness.

O deal with Thy servant according unto Thy loving mercy : and teach me Thy statutes.

I am Thy servant, O grant me understanding : that I may know Thy testimonies.

It is time for Thee, Lord, to lay to Thine hand : for they have destroyed Thy law.

For I love Thy commandments : above gold and precious stone.

Therefore hold I straight all Thy commandments : and all false ways I utterly abhor.

V. 145.

I CALL with my whole heart : hear me, O Lord, I will keep Thy statutes.

Yea, even unto Thee do I call : help me, and I shall keep Thy testimonies.

Early in the morning do I cry unto Thee : for in Thy word is my trust.

Mine eyes prevent the night-watches : that I might be occupied in Thy words

Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto Thy loving kindness : quicken me, according as Thou art wont.

They draw nigh that of malice persecute me : and are far from Thy law.

Be Thou nigh at hand, O Lord : for all Thy commandments are true.

As concerning Thy testimonies, I have known long since : that Thou hast grounded them for ever.

V. 153.

O CONSIDER mine adversity, and deliver me : for I do not forget Thy law.

Avenge Thou my cause, and deliver me : quicken me, according to Thy word.

Health is far from the ungodly : for they regard not Thy statutes.

Great is Thy mercy, O Lord : quicken me, as Thou art wont.

Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me : yet do I not swerve from Thy testimonies.

It grieveth me when I see the transgressors : because they keep not Thy law.

Consider, O Lord, how I love Thy commandments : O quicken me, according to Thy loving-kindness.

Thy word is true from everlasting : all the judgments of Thy righteousness endure for evermore.

V. 169.

LET my complaint come before Thee, O Lord : give me understanding, according to Thy word.

Let my supplication come before Thee : deliver me, according to Thy word.

My lips shall speak of Thy praise : when Thou hast taught me Thy statutes.

Yea, my tongue shall sing of Thy word : for all Thy commandments are righteous.

Let Thine hand help me : for I have chosen Thy commandments.

I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord : and in Thy law is my delight.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee : and Thy judgments shall help me.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost : O seek Thy servant, for I do not forget Thy commandments.

Trust in God for defence against enemies.

PSALM 5.

PONDER my words, O Lord : consider my meditation.

O hearken Thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God : for unto Thee will I make my prayer.

My voice shalt Thou hear betimes, O Lord : early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto and will look up.

For Thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness : neither shall any evil dwell with Thee.

Such as be foolish shall not stand in Thy sight : for Thou hatest all them that work vanity.

Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing : the Lord will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

But as for me, I will come into Thine house, even upon the multitude of Thy mercy : and in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness, because of mine enemies : make Thy way plain before my face.

For there is no faithfulness in his mouth : their inward parts are very wickedness.

Their throat is an open sepulchre : they flatter with their tongue.

Destroy Thou them, O God ; let them perish through their own imaginations : cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness ; for they have rebelled against Thee.

And let all them that put their trust in Thee rejoice : they shall ever be giving of thanks, because Thou defendest them ; they that love Thy name shall be joyful in Thee ;

For Thou, Lord, wilt give Thy blessing unto the righteous : and with Thy favourable kindness wilt Thou defend him as with a shield.

PSALM 62.

MY soul truly waiteth still upon God : for of Him cometh my salvation.

He verily is my strength and my salvation : He is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

How long will ye imagine mischief against every man : ye shall be slain all the sort of you ; yea,

as a tottering wall shall ye be, and like a broken hedge.

Their device is only how to put him out whom God will exalt : their delight is in lies ; they give good words with their mouth, but curse with their heart.

Nevertheless, my soul, wait thou still upon God : for my hope is in Him.

He truly is my strength and my salvation : He is my defence, so that I shall not fall.

In God is my health, and my glory : the rock of my might, and in God is my trust.

O put your trust in Him alway, ye people : pour out your hearts before Him, for God is our hope.

As for the children of men, they are but vanity : the children of men are deceitful upon the weights, they are altogether lighter than vanity itself.

O trust not in wrong and robbery, give not yourselves unto vanity : if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

God spake once, and twice I have also heard the same : that power belongeth unto God ;

And that Thou, Lord, art merciful : for Thou rewardest every man according to His work.

The Church's trust in God in time of trouble.

PSALM 74.

O GOD, wherefore art Thou absent from us so long : why is Thy wrath so hot against the sheep of Thy pasture ?

O think upon Thy congregation : whom Thou hast purchased and redeemed of old.

Think upon the tribe of Thine inheritance : and mount Sion, wherein Thou hast dwelt.

Lift up Thy feet, that Thou mayest utterly destroy every enemy : which hath done evil in Thy sanctuary.

Thine adversaries roar in the midst of Thy congregations : and set up their banners for tokens.

He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees : was known to bring it to an excellent work.

But now they break down all the carved work thereof : with axes and hammers.

They have set fire upon Thy holy places : and have defiled the dwelling place of Thy Name, even unto the ground.

Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make havock of them altogether : thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.

We see not our tokens, there is not one prophet more : no, not one is there among us, that understandeth any more.

O God, how long shall the adversary do this dishonour : how long shall the enemy blaspheme Thy Name, for ever ?

Why withdrawest Thou Thy hand : why pluckest Thou not Thy right hand out of Thy bosom to consume the enemy?

For God is my King of old : the help that is done upon earth He doeth it Himself.

Thou didst divide the sea through Thy power : Thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

Thou smotest the heads of Leviathan in pieces : and gavest him to be meat for the people in the wilderness.

Thou broughtest out fountains and waters out of the hard rocks : Thou driedst up mighty waters.

The day is Thine, and the night is Thine : Thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

Thou hast set all the borders of the earth : Thou hast made summer and winter.

Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy hath rebuked : and how the foolish people hath blasphemed Thy Name.

O deliver not the soul of Thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the enemies : and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.

Look upon the covenant : for all the earth is full of darkness, and cruel habitations.

O let not the simple go away ashamed : but let the poor and needy give praise unto Thy Name.

Arise, O God, maintain Thine own cause : remember how the foolish man blasphemeth Thee daily.

Forget not the voice of Thine enemies : the presumption of them that hate Thee increaseth ever more and more.

Struggle between distrust and faith.

PSALM 77.

I WILL cry unto God with my voice : even unto God will I cry with my voice, and He shall hearken unto me.

In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord : my sore ran, and ceased not in the night-season ; my soul refused comfort.

When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God : when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking : I am so feeble, that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old : and the years that are past.

I call to remembrance my song : and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirits.

Will the Lord absent Himself for ever : and will He be no more intreated ?

Is His mercy clean gone for ever : and is His promise come utterly to an end for evermore ?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious : and will He shut up His loving-kindness in displeasure ?

And I said, It is mine own infirmity : but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most Highest.

I will remember the works of the Lord : and call to mind Thy wonders of old time.

I will think also of all Thy works : and my talking shall be of Thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is holy : who is so great a God as our God ?

Thou art the God that doeth wonders : and hast declared Thy power among the people.

Thou hast mightily delivered Thy people : even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw Thee, O God, the waters saw Thee, and were afraid : the depths also were troubled.

The clouds poured out water, the air thundered : and Thine arrows went abroad.

The voice of Thy thunder was heard round about : the lightnings shone upon the ground ; the earth was moved, and shook withal.

Thy way is in the sea, and Thy paths in the great waters : and Thy footsteps are not known.

Thou leddest Thy people like sheep : by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM 73.

TRULY God is loving unto Israel : even unto such as are of a clean heart.

Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone : my treadings had well-nigh slipt.

And why ? I was grieved at the wicked : I do see the ungodly in such prosperity.

For they are in no peril of death : but are lusty and strong.

They come in no misfortune like other folk : neither are they plagued like other men.

And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride : and overwhelmed with cruelty.

Their eyes swell with fatness : and they do even what they lust.

They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy : their talking is against the most High.

For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven : and their tongue goeth through the world.

Therefore fall the people unto them : and thereout suck they no small advantage.

Tush, say they, how should God perceive it : is there knowledge in the most High ?

Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the world, and these have riches in possession : and I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed mine hands in innocency.

All the day long have I been punished : and chastened every morning.

Yea, and I had almost said even as they : but lo, then I should have condemned the generation of Thy children.

Then thought I to understand this : but it was too hard for me,

Until I went into the sanctuary of God : then understood I the end of these men ;

Namely, how Thou dost set them in slippery places : and castest them down, and destroyest them.

Oh, how suddenly do they consume : perish, and come to a fearful end !

Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh : so shalt Thou make their image to vanish out of the city.

Thus my heart was grieved : and it went even through my reins.

So foolish was I, and ignorant : even as it were a beast before Thee.

Nevertheless, I am alway by Thee : for Thou hast holden me by my right hand.

Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel : and after that receive me with glory.

Whom have I in heaven but Thee : and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of Thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth : but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

For lo, they that forsake Thee shall perish : Thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication against Thee.

But it is good for me to hold fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God : and to speak of all Thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

The vanity of human life.

PSALM 39.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways : that I offend not in my tongue.

I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle : while the ungodly is in my sight.

I held my tongue, and spake nothing : I kept silence, yea, even from good words ; but it was pain and grief to me.

My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus musing the fire kindled : and at the last I spake with my tongue ;

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days : that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, Thou hast made my days as it were a span long : and mine age is even as nothing in respect of Thee ; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain : he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope : truly my hope is even in Thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences : and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

I became dumb, and opened not my mouth : for it was Thy doing.

Take Thy plague away from me

I am even consumed by the means of Thy heavy hand.

When Thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, Thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment : every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with Thine ears consider my calling : hold not Thy peace at my tears.

For I am a stranger with Thee : and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength : before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Psalm 90.

LORD, Thou hast been our refuge : from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made : Thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction : again Thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday : seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as Thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep : and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up : but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in Thy displeasure : and are afraid at Thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before Thee : and our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

For when Thou art angry all our days are gone : we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years : yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of Thy wrath : for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is Thy displeasure.

O teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last : and be gracious unto Thy servants.

O satisfy us with Thy mercy, and that soon : so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Comfort us again now after the time that Thou hast plagued us : and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Shew Thy servants Thy work : and their children Thy glory.

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us : prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handywork.

THE TE DEUM.

WE praise Thee, O God : we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee : the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To Thee Cherubin, and Seraphin : continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of Thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father : of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true : and only Son ;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man : Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants : whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints : in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people : and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify Thee ;

And we worship Thy Name : ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

HYMNS WHICH MAY BE SUNG INSTEAD OF THE COLLECT FOR PROTECTION AND PEACE.

For the Morning.

THE star of morn to night succeeds,
We therefore meekly pray,
May God in all our words and deeds
Keep us from harm this day.

May He in love restrain us still,
From tones of strife and words of ill,
And wrap around and close our eyes
To earth's absorbing vanities.

May wrath, and thoughts that gender shame,
Ne'er in our breasts abide,
And holy abstinences tame
Of wanton flesh the pride.

So when the weary day is o'er,
And night and stillness come once more,
Blameless, and clear from spot or stain,
We may repeat the solemn strain.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

For the Evening.

NOW that the daylight dies away,
Ere we lie down and sleep,
Thee, Maker of the world, we pray
To own us and to keep.

Let dreams depart and visions fly,
The offspring of the night,
Keep us like shrines beneath Thine eye,
Pure in our foe's despite.

This grace on Thy redeemed confer,
Father, co-equal Son,
And Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
Eternal Three in One.

THE APOSTLES' CREED, LORD'S PRAYER, AND GLORIA PATRI.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON: AND TO THE HOLY GHOST.

Answer. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE: WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

THE END.

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